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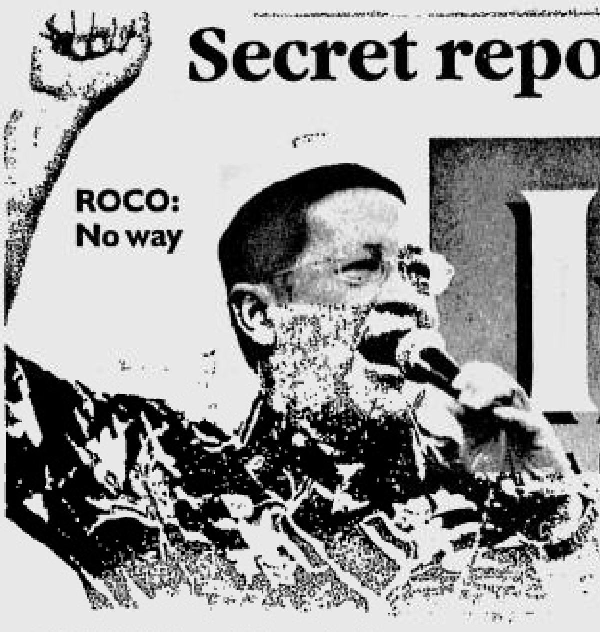

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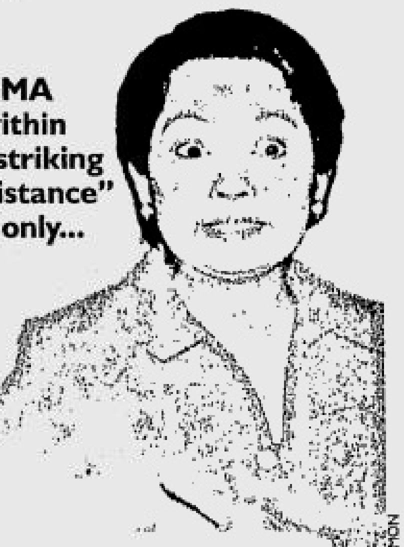

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VAL HANDUMON

GMA open to Roco tie-up

But ex-senator won't negotiate to drop out of presidential race

By Juliet Labog-Javellana
and TJ Burgonio

SHE'S OPEN to the idea of negotiation, but he's not.

President Macapagal-Arroyo is confident her platform and achievements of the past three years are sufficient to carry her to victory in the May elections, and that she is within "striking distance" of Fernando Poe Jr., the leader in pre-election surveys.

However, her spokesperson Ignacio Bunye yesterday told RMN radio she was open to the idea of negotiating for the withdrawal of Raul Roco from the presidential race to seal her victory, as earlier suggested by political analysts.

But Roco, a former senator and education secretary, is not biting.

"The only negotiation [that we will agree to] is for [the President] to quit," his campaign adviser Jaime Galvez-Tan said in a phone interview. "We will not quit the race. We will pursue our goals. We believe in the Filipino people. They truly want enlightened leadership and principled politics."

He said, however, that Ms Macapagal's people had not made any such overtures.

Asked to comment on speculation that billions of pesos might be offered to Roco in exchange for his dropping out of the race, Galvez-Tan said: "We will not be bribed; we stand for principled politics."

"We have shown that in the 1998 elections," he added, in reference to the presidential election which Roco lost to Joseph Estrada, who was ousted by a military-backed people's revolt in 2001 amid charges of plunder.

Solita Monsod, a former socioeconomic planning secretary, and Tony Gatmaitan, president of the political think-tank Political Economic Applied Research Foundation, said in separate interviews Friday that Ms Macapagal stood a better chance of defeating Poe if Roco were to quit the race in her favor.

Poe is ahead of the pack in the latest Social Weather Stations

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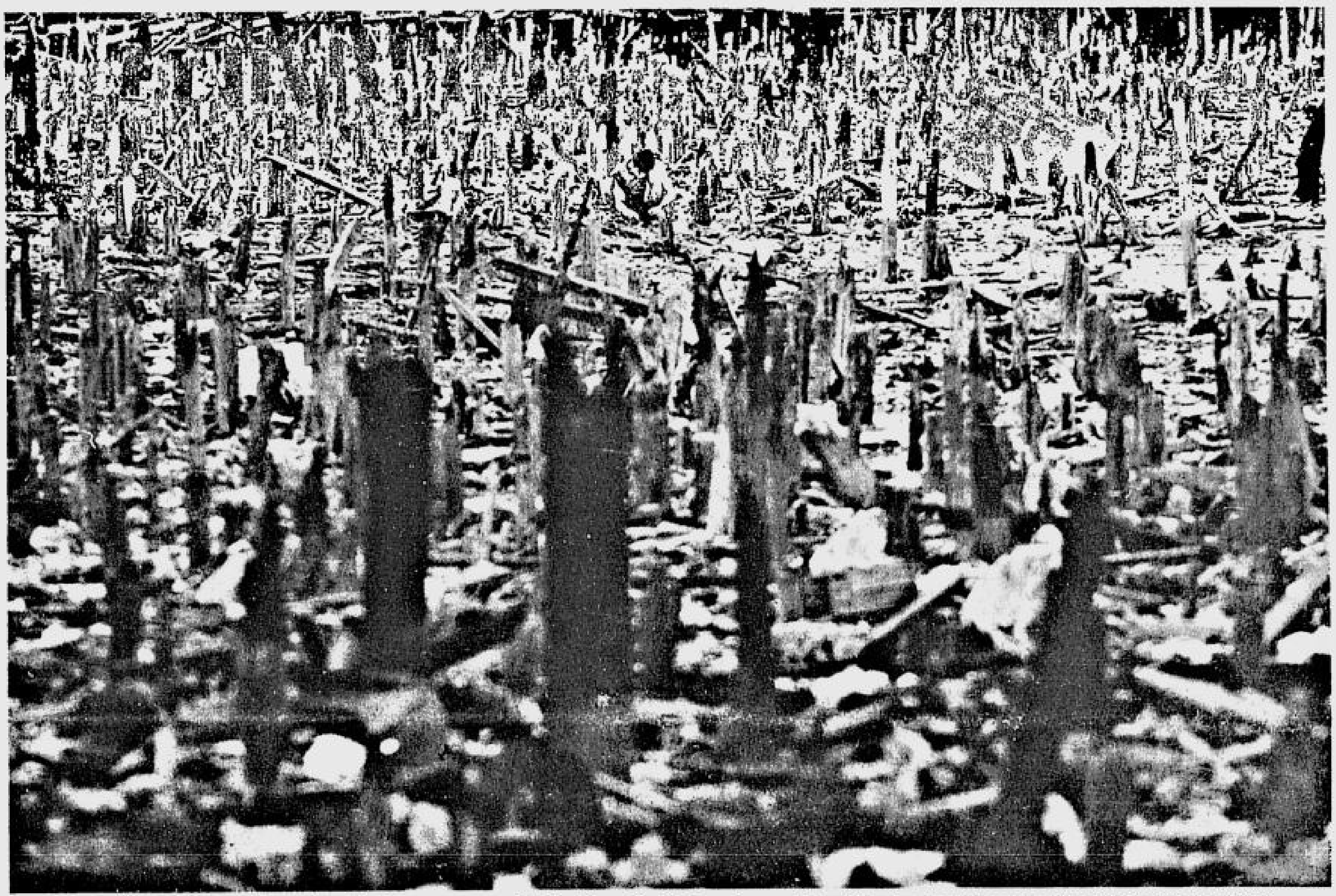

THE WASTELAND. The charred remains of the Baseco compound in Port Area, Manila, is a grim reminder of the nine-hour fire on Jan. 12 that left more than 5,000 families homeless. The INQUIRER has partnered with the DSWD to launch the Bayanihang Baseco emergency relief campaign. On Saturday, World Vision, an international Christian NGO, donated P5 million to the fire victims to help rebuild their lives. *(Story on Page A21.)*

Secret report bares plot to oust FPJ if he wins

By Jerry Esplanada

MOVIE idol Fernando Poe Jr. will assume office after his "expected victory" in the presidential elections but will be asked to step down shortly afterwards, according to a "secret" report of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp).

If Poe refuses, he will be "physically eliminated" and replaced by a military junta whose members will be hand-picked and led by opposition Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, says the eight-page report.

This "probable scenario" is part of what the Isafp calls "Campaign Plan Andres," an "elaborate and sinister plot to take over the government by extralegal means."

"It is based on the premise that the Philippines is on the verge of collapse and there is a need for radical changes," says the report.

A top military official based in Camp Aguinaldo furnished the INQUIRER the other night a copy of the "declassified" report that includes the Isafp analysis of Campaign Plan Andres.

According to the report, a two-pronged effort—the "FPJ" and "Robin" options—will "progress simultaneously and interdependently along the same time frame because they both lead to the assumption of power by Honasan."

Contacted by phone for comment, Honasan said he would "not dignify such stories."

"A military junta will not work ... The people will not allow that," he said. "It's ridiculous to even think that the supposedly responsible intelligence service of the military would fabricate that kind of story."

A group of active and retired military officers called "New Filipino Heroes" (or NFH) is purportedly behind Campaign

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It's Gloria who should give way, says Lito O

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Rather than Raul Roco, it is President Macapagal-Arroyo who should withdraw from the presidential race to ensure the defeat of popular movie star and opposition candidate Fernando Poe Jr., former Cebu governor Emilio "Lito" Osmeña said yesterday.

Osmeña said it is Ms Macapagal who should give way to Roco since the latter has a better chance of winning.

Osmeña, who heads the Probinsya Muna Development Initiatives (Promdi), one of the three parties in the Alyansa ng Pag-asa (Alliance of Hope) backing Roco's presidential bid, was reacting to political analysts' suggestion the other day that the Macapagal camp should negotiate with Roco to convince him to withdraw.

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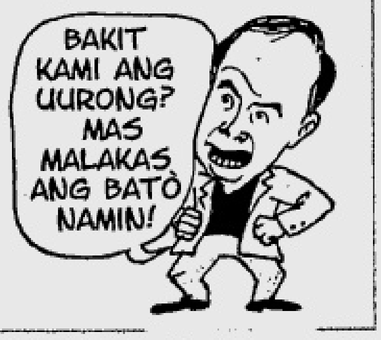

BAKIT KAMI ANG UURONG? MAS MALAKAS ANG BATO NAMIN!

VOLUNTEERS VS WATER SHORTAGE

De La Salle students to dig wells

By Volt Contreras

WATER taps in the metropolis may be drying up but the volunteer spirit overflows among some city residents.

A group of college students has found in the water crisis threatening Metro Manila and neighboring provinces an opportunity to help others.

The Mechanical Engineering Society (MES) of Manila's De La Salle University has said it will start digging deep wells in a squatter relocation site in Rodriguez, Rizal, starting this month.

The organization, which counts some 200 members, is offering its manpower and expertise as well as a mobile drilling mechanism developed by MES members for free.

But having only enough funds to buy materials to build one well, the group is appealing for donors willing to underwrite the construction of nine other wells.

The target community, located in Barangay San Isidro, needs up to 10 wells, said MES president Martin Domingo de Leon.

The relocation site is a mass housing project being constructed by volunteers from Habitat for Humanity, an international shelter program for the poor headed by former United States President Jimmy Carter.

Once completed, the site will house some 75 families evicted last year from a private property in Balara, Quezon City, according to Efren San-

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AFP buries slain ex-rebel with full military honors

By Chito A. Fuentes
PDI Visayas Bureau

TAGBILARAN CITY—A rebel leader-turned-civilian volunteer who died in a recent clash with former communist comrades was buried on Friday with full military honors.

Luciano Lapasaran, 43, was given the traditional taps and three volleys of fire in an elaborate send-off that also entailed the naming of the local Army patrol base after him earlier in the day.

Lapasaran was killed over a week ago during an encounter between the government squad to which he belonged and some 40 New People's Army guerrillas.

Top provincial military officials led the ceremony held at the village cemetery in Barangay La Libertad, Sagbayan town, four kilometers from Barangay San Roque, site of the Jan. 22 clash. Also present were representatives of the provincial and municipal government leaders, and the heads of six neighboring villages.

Lapasaran's widow, Lusita, received a posthumous citation and financial assistance from the 302nd Infantry Brigade and the provincial and municipal governments.

A Mass officiated by Rev. Fr. Felix Cleopas Silagan capped the solemn rites.

Earlier, at the La Libertad basketball court, Lapasaran's fellow squad members presented a program titled "Tribute to a Fallen Comrade." And at the La Libertad patrol base, officials unveiled a marker naming it "Camp Luciano Lapasaran."

Maj. Raul Mendez, 302nd IB civilian military operations officer, told the INQUIRER that the villagers themselves had asked the Army detachment for the patrol base in late 2002, when La Libertad was rebel-infested.

Mendez said Lapasaran, once an NPA leader in the barangay, severed his ties with the underground in early 2003, several months before he volunteered for the Civilian Auxiliary Armed Forces Geographical Unit (Cafgu).

During the cemetery rites, civilian volunteer Jimboy Manatad, also a member of the joint Army-civilian volunteers' organization (CVO) squad that clashed with the NPA band, was recommended

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Eastern Mindanao will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Officers to testify vs Saycon

Classmates of Kawal soldiers claim they were at 2 meetings

By Alcuin Papa, Leila B. Salaverria, Juliet Labog-Javellana and Frank Cimatu, *PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

AT LEAST 10 Army captains—all classmates of the Kawal Pilipino soldiers—have volunteered to provide the National Bureau of Investigation and the Philippine Army information that could further strengthen sedition charges against Pastor "Boy" Saycon. This was revealed yesterday by Armed Forces of the Philippines Public Information Office chief Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero in a press conference in Camp Aguinaldo.

Lucero, however, did not give the identities of the officers who were classmates of Captains Peter Edwin Navarro, Mohammad Yusop Hassan, Philip Esmeralda, Marcos Serafica and Rembert Baylosis at the Officers Candidate School (OCS) of the Philippine Army in Tanay, Rizal. The officers claimed they were present at two meetings with Saycon and Navarro where they allegedly discussed a destabilization plot against the government.

Supporter of FPJ

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said on Friday that the five junior military officers and four civilians would be charged with inciting to sedition. Aside from Saycon, the civilians are Azodin Baltazar, Boy Montelibano and retired police general Pedro Navarro, a supporter of presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr.

The charges would be filed on Monday "at the latest," according to Marianito Panganiban, head of the NBI Special Task Force which is handling the probe of the Kawal Pilipino soldiers who accused President Macapagal-Arroyo of ordering the military to monitor the movements of her political rivals.

According to Panganiban, his men are working around the clock to gather more evidence and to coordinate with the AFP, which is also in possession of materials that could be used in the filing of the case.

The STF chief, however, refused to say whether the five military officers and the four civilians named on Friday in connection with the incident would all be charged on Monday.

Gathering proof

"We are still gathering proof. I'm not sure yet whom we would file charges against," he said, adding that the NBI would also check out the statements of the five Kawal members, some of whom claimed they had been duped into participating in the press conference.

Lucero revealed that Serafica and Hassan executed affidavits which said that Saycon and his group, the Council on Philippine Affairs, would launch a series of mass protests actions leading to the storming of Malacañang once the Macapagal administration postponed the May elections.

Reacting to developments, Malacañang yesterday said the government had a "tight" case against the military and civilians involved in the destabilization plot by the Kawal Pilipino group.

Presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said: "People who are out to destabilize the government should get the message clear: We will not hesitate to go after them with the full force of the law and justice."

Bunye defended the filing of charges against Saycon, a critic of Ms Macapagal who was implicated in the "Kawal" plot.

On the other hand, he dismissed reports that Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. was involved in the destabilization attempt.

"We leave that to the investigators because as far as we know, the NBI is evaluating the affidavits of the arrested military officers. But our belief is that the Vice President will not be part of plots like this. Anyway, let the investigators handle the allegations," Bunye said.

Meanwhile, Saycon, five members of Kawal Pilipino and three others facing sedition raps have asked senatorial candidate and former Solicitor General Frank Chavez to be their lead counsel.

Chavez yesterday said the filing of sedition charges against Saycon and five junior military officers was a "desperate move" by the government.

'Days are numbered'

"Saycon said he is being harassed by the government. These soldiers (Kawal Pilipino members) are just being used by a desperate government to thwart and suppress the coming of a new government. The days of President Macapagal-Arroyo are numbered; the only question is, who would replace her?" Chavez, who is running under former Sen. Raul Roco's Alyansa ng Pag-asa, said. He was in Baguio to meet with his local campaign leaders.

He said pursuing sedition charges against Saycon and the Kawal members means that the Macapagal administration was only reacting to situations and not initiating actions and pursuing visions.

PASTOR "Boy" Saycon escorts opposition vice presidential candidate Loren Legarda to a meeting with members of the Alliance of Generals for Poe (Agpoe) at the Manila Polo Club in this file photo taken on Jan. 7. Saycon now faces charges of sedition. ROGER MARGALLO

'I wuz robbed,' says retiring Comelec exec

By Martin P. Marfil

TWO of the seven commissioners of the Commission on Elections are set to retire tomorrow. One of them, however, Luzviminda Tancangco, said yesterday her retirement had been hastened.

"I was supposed to retire in 2005," Tancangco told the INQUIRER in a phone interview. "My term was shortened by a year." And she's not very happy about it.

Tancangco and Commissioner Ralph Lantion, the other retiree, were appointed to the Comelec in 1998 by then President Joseph Estrada. The position is a seven-year term.

Yesterday, Tancangco blamed the National Movement for Free Elections, and a colleague she did not name for her shortened stint.

Namfrel initiated impeachment proceedings against her in August 2002.

Her detractors had gone after her only because they could not "influence" her decisions, Tancangco said. She did not elaborate.

The former head of the Comelec's powerful modernization program said the country could not have fully automated polls until the year 2010, and dashed hopes for clean elections in May.

"To have computerized... and fraud-free elections (this year) is a fallacy," she said.

Asked to comment about Tancangco's situation, Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos said her tenure had been shortened indeed—by the law.

Abalos explained that while the law did prescribe a seven-year term for commissioners, Tancangco and Lantion had both taken over positions that were "unexpired"—or not fully served. He said their predecessors had sat at the commission for only a year, and so the two had merely served out the rest of their terms.

TANCANGCO

He gave himself as another example: "I'm good for seven years, from 2001 to 2008, but since my predecessor (Alfredo Benipayo) served one year, I will serve only for six years. That is the law."

Tancangco said her immediate plan is to go on a retreat and contemplate her future.

It seems her opponents are contemplating her future, too. Namfrel chair Jose Concepcion told reporters that his group plans to file graft charges against Tancangco upon her retirement.

I'm no fund raiser, asserts DPWH chief

By Armand N. Nocum

ACTING Public Works Secretary Florante Soriquez yesterday denied reports he has been soliciting millions of pesos from contractors to fill up the campaign kitty of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

In a telephone interview, Soriquez admitted that at least three regional directors of the Department of Public Works and Highways had been using his name in asking for millions from contractors and construction suppliers.

"Laging sinasabi nila, 'Para sa taas ito' (They tell them it is for the higher-ups)," Soriquez said, adding the money ended up in the pockets of the regional directors. He said he has spoken to the regional directors about this. "So if you hear of any regional director using my name, report him to me," he said.

Oliver Lozano, lawyer for the Marcoses, had alleged that the controversial head of the DPWH was one of the key "fund raisers" of Ms Macapagal.

"Fund raiser? I'm just doing my job... related to public works," Soriquez said.

Last Friday, Lozano filed a graft complaint against Soriquez before the Office of the Ombudsman for reportedly amassing wealth amounting to P100 million although his Statement of Assets and Liabilities in 2002 said he only had P1.59 million. Pictures of five palatial houses allegedly owned by the DPWH head were submitted as evidence.

Lozano filed the complaint in a bid to challenge the government's resolve to go after the "big fish" in grafters. This was in line with the Supreme Court ruling that the government can go after the assets of officials "on the assumption" that they were illegally acquired.

Soriquez claimed that Lozano may be doing a smear job, since the houses said to be belong to him were owned by his (Soriquez's) friends and relatives.

Soriquez admitted owning a three-story house on a 400-sq. m lot in San Bartolome, Novaliches. He said he bought the lot in 1974 and has been slowly building a house, depending on the availability of resources.

The Office of the Ombudsman said it will act fast on the complaint against Soriquez. "No one is untouchable as far as our office is concerned. We will give priority to the case against Secretary Soriquez," said Ombudsman spokesperson Ernesto Nocos, reacting to Lozano's claims that Soriquez enjoys close ties with the Macapagal-Arroyo family which could make him untouchable in the government's anti-graft campaign.

Lozano earlier complained that the government's lifestyle check has only targeted low-ranking officials of the DPWH, the Bureau of Customs and the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

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'Mysterious' fire guts Loren's Senate office

By Michael L. Ubac and Cynthia D. Balana

A MYSTERIOUS fire gutted yesterday the 6th floor office of Sen. Loren Legarda at the Senate building on Roxas Boulevard, destroying vital documents and computers containing her legislative record since 1998.

"*Nasunog ang* office *ko* (My office was burned). It's unbelievable," Legarda, who is the opposition's vice presidential candidate, told the INQUIRER.

Legarda's camp immediately suspected arson behind the blaze. Firemen had not yet determined the cause of the fire.

Based on initial investigation, the blaze started at around 6:30 a.m. It was extinguished two hours later.

Fifteen firetrucks responded, but Senate security men helped put out the fire using fire extinguishers.

Firemen said the fire may have been caused by an unattended electric charger that exploded or by one of the computers that was left on by her staff.

But Tala Maralit, a staffer of the senator, said she was the last person to leave the office at 10 p.m. the day before.

Maralit swore that she turned off her computer before she left, along with other electrical appliances.

Ding Panganiban, Legarda's chief of staff, said it was the first time such a thing happened in the office. "Why only now?" he asked, referring to the timing of Legarda's vice presidential bid.

He said arson investigators have been asked to look into the case.

Aside from legislative documents, also destroyed were five computers, a printer and so me filing cabinets. Hundreds of Legarda calendars and other campaign paraphernalia were damaged by water.

Portions of the offices of Senator Ramon Magsaysay Jr. and the late Sen. Renato Cayetano, which are adjacent to Legarda's office, were also damaged by water. The fire, however, did not reach the office of Sen. Juan Flavier, which was next to Legarda's.

Michelle Villaseñor, secretary general of the VP Loren Movement, blamed the fire on "saboteurs out to derail the candidacy of Senator Legarda."

Villaseñor noted the "increasing intensity and desperate nature of the covert and overt attacks against Loren."

In a separate statement, Ronald Lumbao, spokesperson of the People's Movement Against Poverty, said the fire might have been the handiwork of the senator's detractors.

"It is a curious fact that only a room in the Senate's sixth floor would burn due to 'faulty electrical connection,' the fire department's standard cliche for fires whose origins they could not or refuse to identify," said Lumbao.

Lumbao recalled that reelectionist Sen. John Osmeña, who is running under the administration ticket, barged into Legarda's other office located on the second floor of the Senate building just a day before the fire, "lugging behind several news photographers while Loren was out of the office."

"Loren, being the truly leading vice presidential bet, is thus a target of all forms of destabilization, to sideline her from her provincial trips where she consults poor people like us and see what she could do to alleviate our plight," said Lumbao.

In a statement, Osmeña urged Legarda to stop using her Senate office as a "dumping ground for her campaign materials."

Osmeña said he had walked into the office of Legarda to confer with Sen. Francis Pangilinan last Tuesday only to find out that it was filled with her campaign materials.

Finally, FPJ hits back at Palace

By Michael L. Ubac

AFTER TAKING the initial punches, opposition presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr. finally fought back against his detractors in Malacañang, by citing particularly the failure of the government to provide political stability to the country.

Addressing the mass oath-taking rites of the Puwersa ng Masa at the Cuneta Astrodome, the presidential standard-bearer of the Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino (KNP) unleashed scathing remarks against President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"First of all, we must bring back the trust and confidence in our government. We must have a leadership that will apply the rule of law and total transparency," said Poe, eliciting a loud uproar from an audience of about 7,000 supporters and local opposition candidates.

In his two-minute speech, Poe did not mince words in accusing the Macapagal administration of failing miserably to rally the whole nation behind the government.

He pointed out that it was for this single reason that he finally decided to run for the highest elected post. "*Kaya po ako tumakbo ay dahil sa sigaw ng bayan. Ang sigaw ng bayan ... wala nang kumpiyansa at tiwala sa gobyerno*" (That is why I decided to run because of the plea of the nation. The plea of the nation... they have no more confidence and trust in government).

Poe declared that the primordial challenge facing the country at this point is the erosion of people's trust and confidence in government." *Iyan po ang hamon sa atin. Ibalik and kumpyansa sa ating gobyerno. At yan po ay pananagutan ninyong lahat, pananagutan natin dito, at pananagutan sa taas*." (That is our challenge. To return confidence in our government. And you will all be held accountable for that, here and above) He cited the country's peace and order situation which, he said, was deteriorating, and the sorry state of the education and agriculture sectors. "*Ang* peace and order *natin pasama ng pasama.* Education, agriculture, *hindi dumarating ang dapat makarating sa kanila*" (Peace and order in the country is getting worse. Education, agriculture, they don't get what they are supposed to receive).

The movie king also blamed the present occupant of Malacañang for the exodus of professionals, particularly the young degree holders, to other countries in search of jobs.

"*Bakit po? Dahil walang kumpyansa at tiwala*" (Why? Because of lack of confidence and trust), said Poe as the audience roared in approval.

NO SICK BIRDS HERE

A young vendor in Antipolo City entices consumers to buy his live chickens at P50 a kilo, to show that the bird flu virus which has affected 10 Asian countries, has not hit the Philippines. Dressed, chicken costs about P110 a kilo.

JOAN BONDOC

'Love of pork' behind delay in budget passage–JDV

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE HOUSE of Representatives yesterday tossed the blame back to the Senate for the delay in the passage of the 2004 national budget, saying the impasse was due to the senators' obsession with their pork barrel.

Speaker Jose de Venecia said the budget disagreement stemmed from the senators' "consuming desire to protect their huge pork barrel of P200 million each, which runs to more than P4 billion for the entire Senate.

"Prudence is required to strengthen the nation and avert a full-blown fiscal crisis of a magnitude greater than in 2003," he said.

De Venecia said the House was "agreeable" to either the proposed 2004 national budget or a reenacted 2003 budget but chided senators for using the budget row between the two houses of Congress to float a no-elections scenario.

In Malacañang, President Macapagal-Arroyo said the budget is an important instrument for pushing reforms, equalizing economic opportunities and changing the social landscape to favor the poor.

"I shall continue to seek a meeting of minds between the House and the Senate on this issue," Ms Macapagal said in a statement.

Sen. Manuel Villar earlier blamed the lower house for blocking the 2004 budget, saying congressmen wanted to reenact the 2003 budget so that the ruling Lakas-CMD party could use the funds for the May elections.

Villar warned that failure to pass the 2004 budget would give the administration a big advantage since the President could realign the funds from a reenacted 2003 budget to her political campaign.

De Venecia said the House position favoring a reenacted budget was firmed up at a multi-party caucus last week because "common sense and Spartan discipline tell us that it is cheaper" by P60 billion and that a reenacted budget would keep government spending within bounds.

Since government expectations of additional revenue collections will not materialize, he said, the budget deficit which was projected to reach P195 billion in 2004 will reach P230 billion.

"And this is what we are trying to avoid," De Venecia said.

The proposed 2004 budget is P864 billion, while the 2003 budget was only P804 billion.

"Good governance dictates that we should live within our means and not foist a budget that cannot be sustained and which our people cannot afford and could result in massive external and internal borrowings," the speaker said.

He pointed out that the government had generated savings of some P6 billion from the 2003 budget through prudent spending.

The amount, according to De Venecia, was enough to finance the P5.3 billion supplemental budget approved by the House to finance the May national elections and absentee voting by overseas Filipinos as well as the salary increases of soldiers.

Rep. Rolando Andaya, chair of the House appropriations committee, has been asked to present the view of the House in the bicameral conference committee to avoid creating a fiscal crisis.

Congress has only until Feb. 5 to act on the budget measure before it goes on recess for the election period.

Andaya earlier argued that reenacting the 2003 budget was the most realistic thing to do to rein in the budget deficit which reached P202 billion last year.

Meanwhile, congressmen yesterday chided the senators for holding local bills "hostage" in exchange for House approval of the Senate version of the 2004 national budget.

Rep. Robert "Ace" Barbers, House accounts committee chair, said that governors, mayors and other local executives who were the beneficiaries of local bills shared the same disappointed.

Barbers said the Senate was exerting undue pressure on the lower house to push for a budget that was P60 billion more than the previous year.

The House has proposed a reenacted budget that will peg the deficit at only P200 billion.

Adopting the Senate's version would mean a higher deficit of P235 billion, Barbers said.

Rep. Edmund Reyes (Marinduque) said that local bills creating or converting existing high schools into national high schools have been gathering dust in the Senate.

According to Reyes, these bills have been transmitted to the Senate at the start of the 12th Congress but have remained unacted up to now.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, February 1, 2004
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

A word of Yahweh came to me, "Even before I formed you in the womb I have known you; even before you were born I had set you apart, and appointed you a prophet to the nations.

Get ready for action; stand up and say to them all that I command you. Be not scared of them or I will scare you in their presence.

See, I will make you a fortified city, a pillar of iron with walls of bronze, against all the nations, against the kings and princes of Judah, against the priests and the people of the land. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue you—it is Yahweh who speaks."

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:31–13:13

Be that as it may, set your hearts on the most precious gifts, and I will show you a much better way.

If I could speak all the human and angelic tongues, but had no love, I would only be sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, knowing secret things with all kinds of knowledge, and had faith great enough to remove mountains, but had no love, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I had to the poor, and even give up my body to be burned, if I am without love, it would be of no value to me.

Love is patient, kind, without envy. It is not boastful or arrogant. It is not ill-mannered nor does it seek its own interest. Love overcomes anger and forgets offenses. It does not take delight in wrong, but rejoices in truth. Love excuses everything, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love will never end. Prophecies may cease, tongues be silent and knowledge disappear. For knowledge grasps something of the truth and prophecy as well. And when what is perfect comes, everything imperfect will pass away. When I was a child I thought and reasoned like a child, but when I grew up, I gave up childish ways. Likewise, at present we see dimly as in a mirror, but then it shall be face to face. Now we know in part, but then I will know as I am known. Now we have faith, hope and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

Gospel: Lk 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, "Today these prophetic words come true even as you listen."

All agreed with him and were lost in wonder, while he kept on speaking of the grace of God. Nevertheless they asked, "Who is this but Joseph's son?" So he said, "Doubtless you will quote me the saying: Doctor, heal yourself! Do here in your town what they say you did in Capernaum."

Jesus added, "No prophet is honored in his own country. Truly, I say to you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens withheld rain for three years and six months and a great famine came over the whole land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow of Zarephath, in the country of Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha, the prophet, and no one was healed except Naaman, the Syrian."

On hearing these words, the whole assembly became indignant. They rose up and brought him out of the town, to the edge of the hill on which Nazareth is built, intending to throw him down the cliff. But he passed through their midst and went his way.

Commentary

St. Augustine lived more than fifteen centuries ago, but he was not the first to use the expression "familiarity breeds contempt;" he quoted it as "a common saying," vulgare proverbium. It is an even more common experience. Jesus experienced it, and what he said on that occasion has itself become a proverb (unless perhaps it was one already), "Prophets are not honored in their own country."

The rejection of Jesus in his hometown was therefore no surprise. The whole world knows that familiarity breeds contempt! It's a bitter truth that the people closest to you are sometimes the least likely to support you. Is it true in your own experience? You may say, "No, my family is supportive." You are blessed. But look carefully and see if they support you only so long as you support their image of themselves. The people of Nazareth agreed with Jesus only just so long as he agreed with them! As soon as he began to say things they didn't like—in particular when he began to praise foreigners—they tried to throw him over a cliff. They knew so many superficial things about him that they couldn't see anything new in him. Is there anything in you or me that makes our familiars want to throw us over a cliff?—or are we perfect villagers?

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

REMEDIAL LAW (CIVIL PROCEDURE)—Judgment in an ejectment suit—The basic issue before us is whether petitioner's members, who were not parties to the unlawful detainer case, may be ejected from the land subject of this case. We rule in the affirmative. It is well-settled that, although an ejectment suit is an action in personam wherein the judgment is binding only upon the parties properly impleaded and given an opportunity to be heard, the judgment becomes binding on anyone who has not been impleaded if he or she is: (a) a trespasser, squatter or agent of the defendant fraudulently occupying the property to frustrate the judgment; (b) a guest or occupant of the premises with the permission of the defendant; (c) a transferee pendente lite; (d) a sublessee; (e) a co-lessee or (f) a member of the family, relative or privy of the defendant. In the case at bar, the records show that petitioner's members are trespassers or squatters who do not have any right to occupy the property of respondent. Petitioner does not dispute the ownership of the parcels of land in question. In fact, it even admitted that the subject property is owned by Macaria Maglaqui, mother of private respondent. Petitioner failed to establish any right which would entitle its members to occupy the land in any capacity, whether as lessees, tenants and the like. Petitioner's only defense against the eviction and demolition orders is their supposed non-inclusion in the original detainer case. This defense, however, has no legal support since its members are trespassers or squatters who are bound by the judgment. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Corona, Third Division, Sunflower Neighborhood Association vs Court Of Appeals, G.R. No. 136274, September 3, 2003]

BY R. B. VERA

Ermita positioning to help GMA?

By Alcuin Papa

IS DEFENSE Secretary Eduardo Ermita on the way out?

Sources at Camp Aguinaldo, the military headquarters, told the INQUIRER Ermita would soon be leaving the Department of National Defense to Leandro Mendoza, current secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC). In turn, former Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, now head of the National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force (Naktf), will take over at the DOTC.

Talk of Ermita's departure resurfaced on Tuesday after one defense undersecretary reportedly told his staff to prepare for a new defense secretary.

Sources said the changes could take effect tomorrow. Mendoza reportedly visited the defense department last Friday to "check out the offices."

But it's not what you think. Ermita is leaving, not because of the recent ruckus caused by the Kawal Pilipino soldiers who demanded his resignation. Ermita is rumored to be the next Department of Interior and Local Government secretary vice Joey Lina who is said to be resigning to run for elective office.

"Ermita's transfer to the DILG will help the President in her reelection campaign. At the DILG, he will be in touch with local officials," sources said.

There were also reports that Ermita, a three-term congressman from Batangas under the Lakas party, had been designated chief of President Macapagal-Arroyo's presidential campaign.

Ermita denied this and told defense reporters that he was only a campaign consultant.

Sources said changing defense secretaries at this point could be detrimental to the employees. "The new defense secretary would bring in new people. This would affect how things are run and the continuity of projects in the department."

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Manila youth pick Roco, Poe

By Norman Bordadora

THE YOUTH of Manila—both in school and out—prefer either former Education Secretary Raul Roco or movie actor Fernando Poe Jr. for president, if the elections were held today.

In mock elections conducted by the youth party-list group Anak ng Bayan on Jan. 26 and 27, students and out-of-school youth in the University Belt and the depressed community surrounding the train tracks near España picked Sen. Loren Legarda over Sen. Noli de Castro as their choice for vice president.

"The results of the survey showed that President Macapagal-Arroyo has failed in addressing the concerns of the youth, at least in the city. These are access to quality education and enough employment opportunities," said Apolinario Alvarez, Anak ng Bayan president and first nominee in the party-list race.

"We also see the displacement of families from the "riles" (railroad communities) and the demolition of their shanties as factors for the President's poor third-place rating," Alvarez said.

He said Legarda was the choice of both the students and out-of-school youth because of her experience and track record in the Senate.

"De Castro may be as popular as Legarda but his performance as a legislator has yet to be at par with Legarda's," he said.

In the mock survey conducted on Jan. 26 among students randomly chosen at the U-belt, Roco got 90 "votes," Ms Macapagal 31, Poe 25, Lacson 22, Villanueva 12, Gil one, while 10 "abstained."

Among vice presidential candidates, Legarda got 103 "votes," De Castro 55, Hermie Aquino six, and 27 abstained.

There were 191 respondents in the U-belt survey.

"These students were not only from Manila. A good number of them were from the provinces where they have some influence as students in Manila universities," Alvarez said.

In the survey in the railroad track community, Poe came out on top among out-of-school youth with 73 "votes," Roco 11, Ms Macapagal 7, Lacson 7, Villanueva 2, with two abstentions.

In the vice presidential survey, Legarda had 56 votes, De Castro 25, Aquino 5 and 16 abstained.

There were 102 respondents in the out-of-school youth survey.

"With 12.9 million voters, aged 18 to 24, and 4.5 million new registrants, the youth vote is enough to make or break a candidate. The candidates should start addressing the issues concerning the youth," Alvarez said.

Anak ng Bayan is composed of such groups as the National Union of Students of the Philippines, the College Editors Guild of the Philippines, Kabataang Artista Para sa Tunay na Kalayaan, Student Christian Movement of the Philippines, Anakbayan and the League of Filipino Students.

The party has 200,000 members outside the membership of the individual organizations allied with it.

Alvarez said they are confident Anak ng Bayan could muster the 1.5 million votes needed to seat three youth nominees in the House of Representatives.

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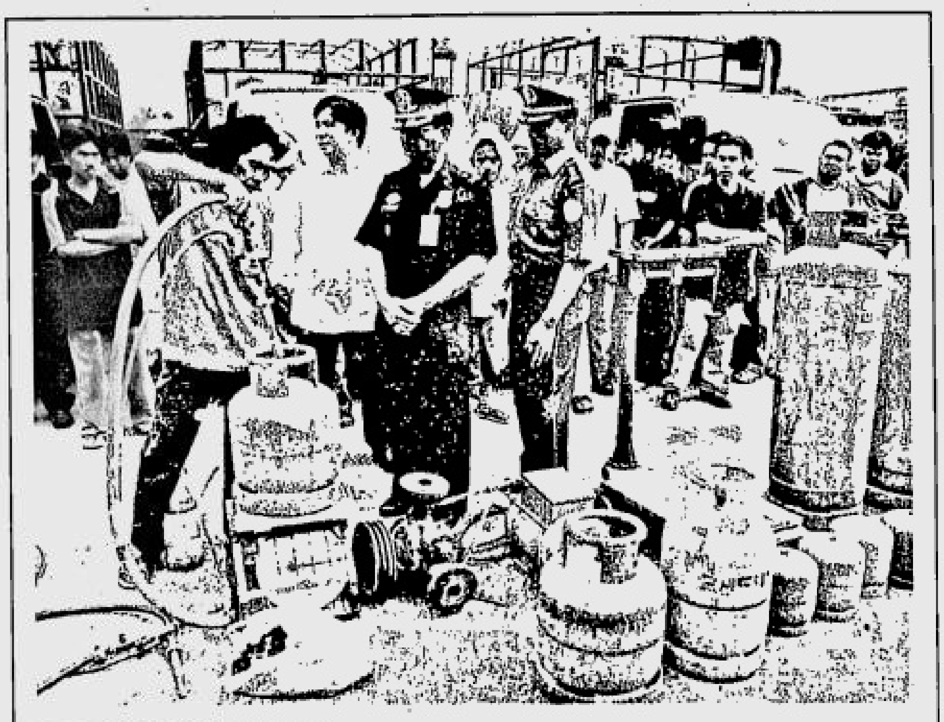

LPG CHEATS NABBED

A suspected member of a liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) refilling syndicate demonstrates to police Chief Supt. Arturo Lumibao and Supt. Manuel Gaerlan (center) at Camp Crame how he underfills a tank, after the gang was nabbed by operatives of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group yesterday. JOAN BONDOC

Asian, Latin nations boost economic, security ties

THIRTY-TWO East Asian and Latin American countries adopted a plan of action here Saturday to boost economic ties and shore up cooperation on security issues, including international terrorism.

The members of the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Co-operation (FEALAC) also called for a speedy resumption of the Doha round of trade talks, including "the abolition of all forms of agricultural support subsidies in accordance with the Doha mandate."

The Manila Plan of Action, completed at the end of three days of talks between foreign ministers and senior officials of FEALAC, cited the need for increased cooperation in the face of greater interdependence of nations and emerging transnational threats.

The statement cited such threats as "environmental degradation, natural disasters, extreme poverty and hunger, illicit drugs, infectious diseases, human trafficking, transnational crime and terrorism."

It did not identify specific sources of terrorism but the plan also called for projects to promote "inter-faith and inter-cultural understanding... so as to minimize religious prejudices, including as a result of the fight against terrorism."

This was an apparent reference to possible anti-Muslim sentiment in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks and other incidents carried out by Islamic militants.

South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-Moon said he had brought up the issue of North Korea's nuclear program in the discussions and cited the need for "de-nuclearization" of the Korean peninsula and a peaceful solution to the impasse.

Some Latin American delegates thought the Korean problem was distant from them but the conference helped explain how "almost all the security-related issues have become global issues," Ban said.

Top officials told a press conference that the meeting had led to some frank discussions among the delegates, particularly during the closed-door retreat in Tagaytay City on Friday.

Countries were able to discuss the problems they shared, Colombian Foreign Minister Carolina Barco said, citing Thailand and Indonesia consulting Colombia on substituting drug-producing crops grown by farmers.

Two affected countries had also raised the issue of bird flu which has spread to 10 Asian countries and has killed 10 people in Vietnam and Thailand, officials said, without saying which countries had raised the issue or how FEALAC had responded.

FEALAC, which was conceived by Singapore and Chile in 1998 and held its first ministerial meeting in Santiago in 2001, had previously focused on economic and cultural cooperation, but this year's meeting brought a new prominence to security issues.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Delia Albert, one of the co-chairs of the meeting, said cooperation was continuing in areas such as the economy, academia, science and technology, and culture.

FEALAC working groups will carry out projects to help small and medium enterprises, link leading universities in each country through technology, and set up meetings between business groups of the two regions, the officials said.

The Latin American countries in the group are Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Guatemala and Nicaragua were accepted into the group during the meeting in Manila.

On the other side are Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. *AFP*

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Buses to get discount on diesel, too

PUBLIC utility bus operators can now enjoy discounts on diesel, which is being enjoyed by jeepney drivers and operators.

Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) chair Maria Elena Bautista told the INQUIRER the Department of Energy has agreed to let bus companies buy diesel fuel at P15.50 per liter from at least 119 gasoline stations in Metro Manila and the nearby provinces of Bulacan and Rizal.

Bautista said the discounts for diesel would be given beginning next week.

The LTFRB official added that so far a list of 54 gasoline stations has been distributed to transport organizations.

Some bus organizations in the metropolis, however, did not welcome the latest development.

Claire de la Fuente, president of the Integrated Metro Bus Operators Association (IMBOA), said the gas stations offering the discounts were way out of their routes.

Some bus companies, meanwhile, want the LTFRB to come up with a better system for granting the discounts to passenger buses.

"Why not supply the discounted diesel directly to the garages of the bus companies to avoid inconvenience?" one bus owner said.

The operators said that since most bus companies had their own pumps in their garages, it would be more convenient for the oil companies to supply the discounted diesel directly to them.

Giving diesel discounts are Petron, Caltex, Shell, Total, Unioil, Flying V, Seaoil, among other oil companies. *Tina Santos*

$30-M US navy boat soon to be RP's

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

A "GIANT" naval cyclone boat worth $30 million is arriving in the country on Feb. 23 as part of United States military assistance to the Philippines.

President Macapagal-Arroyo made the announcement yesterday at the Rotary International Presidential Celebration on Poverty Alleviation at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

Addressing the Rotarians, the President said the donation was one of the fruits of restored RP-US relations during her term.

"On security, for instance, when I became President I inherited a military assistance commitment from the United States worth $1.9 million. Now that relationship has ballooned to about $400 million and counting," she said, "including a giant naval cyclone boat that is arriving worth $30 million."

"In terms of military assistance, the Philippines is No. 1 in East Asia, No. 4 worldwide, with more to come, because we have been declared a major non-NATO ally of the US," she reminded her audience. The country was declared a major non-NATO ally by the US as a reward for supporting the American invasion of Iraq.

Ms Macapagal made a state visit to the US in May last year and US President George W. Bush returned the favor with a visit to Manila five months later on Oct. 18.

Despite the ban on premature campaigning, the President made a subtle pitch to the Rotarians, citing her achievements in the past three years and the programs she has been implementing for the "average Filipino."

Pinoy priest pleads guilty to sex assault

FULLERTON, California — A Roman Catholic priest from the Philippines pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl and was immediately removed from the ministry.

Rev. Gerardo Tanilong pleaded guilty Friday to two felony counts of committing a lewd act upon a child as he and the girl sat in the back seat of a car on the way back from a church function last July.

Tanilong, 72, faces up to 44 months in prison when he is sentenced in April.

Bishop Tod Brown of the Diocese of Orange County removed him from the ministry after he pleaded guilty, and said Tanilong would not be permitted to wear the clerical collar or perform the functions of a priest.

"I deeply regret the abuse of a minor and pray for the recovery of the victim and family," Brown said in a statement.

Tanilong was parochial vicar at the Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in Santa Ana, also in California.

He began working at the diocese in 1990, four years after arriving from the Philippines, and has served at four other Orange County parishes. Church officials said this was the first abuse allegation against him. *AP*

NBI probes rice smuggling via Customs

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation has begun checking out alleged incidents of rice smuggling at the Bureau of Customs upon the request of the Department of Justice.

An NBI official privy to the matter said the request was made by Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño himself.

According to the official, who requested anonymity, the bureau is trying to track down the persons involved in the smuggling of several containers of rice through the BOC at the Manila ports on a regular basis.

The rice allegedly comes from Cebu and other provinces from the southern part of the country and is brought to Manila aboard ships.

According to the source, the shipments of rice are probably misrepresented when they arrive at the Manila ports, which explains how they are able to pass several inspections conducted by the BOC.

The smuggled rice has reportedly been coming in in significant amounts, which is why it caught the attention of officials at the DOJ.

Insurance bids favoritism hit

A GROUP has taken to task the Land Transport Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) for refusing to blacklist two insurance groups that had failed to properly implement the P600-million Passenger Personal Accident Insurance Program (PPAIP).

The Special Alliance Management Inc. (Sami), which represents the Transport Reform Alliance of Philippine Insurance Co. (Trapic) consortium, said the two consortia which had failed to implement the old program to provide insurance to passengers of public utility vehicles continued to enjoy preferential treatment from the LTFRB despite adverse findings against them.

Sami president Cesar T. Apolinario identified the two consortia as the Philippine Accident Managers Inc. (Pami) led by the United Coconut Planters Bank Insurance Inc. and the Passenger Accident Insurance Consortium (Paic) led by Great Domestic Insurance Co.

Apolinario said Pami and Paic had failed to properly implement the old insurance system based on LTFRB's own evaluation. Despite this, the two groups were still allowed the join the bidding for the insurance program.

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GMA open to Roco tie-up

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survey, leading Ms Macapagal by 9 percentage points. But the latter has overtaken Roco for second place.

"If I were GMA, I would negotiate with Roco to drop out of the race. It would give her a fighting chance," Gatmaitan said.

'Nothing is impossible'

RMN's Ely Saludar asked Bunye whether Malacañang was open to negotiations with Roco to ensure Ms Macapagal's victory at the May polls.

Bunye said the President wanted "to continue with her programs, and perhaps whatever is necessary to do this, which will be good for the country, she'll be open to that."

Asked if good relations could be restored between the President and her former education secretary, Bunye said: "Nothing is impossible, and I think everybody is working for the country and ... thinking of the welfare of our country."

Cordial relations

He said the relationship of the two was "cordial."

"And you know the President, she always has good words for Senator Roco. And she has high respect for [him]," Bunye said.

Roco, who had topped the surveys before Poe threw his hat into the political ring, quit the Cabinet in disgust when the President authorized a graft investigation against him.

But Bunye said Ms Macapagal was also confident about her chances in May: "The President's decision to run and her belief that she will win are not based on any possible alliance with any other political group. And [she] believes that on her own, based on the programs she has been pushing and are slowly being appreciated by our people, especially those benefited by these programs, she believes that these are enough to carry her to victory."

'Close fight'

Bunye pointed out that the latest SWS survey showed the President not far behind the popular Poe.

"Even the analysts said this is a close fight," he said. "The gap [between Poe and Ms Macapagal] is not so wide. We're at striking distance, and compared to the last survey, there is a big improvement in the President's rating."

Bunye also cited the results of the recent survey conducted by the Makati Business Club among business leaders, wherein "you can see very clearly the preference of the business group for the President."

In that survey, Ms Macapagal got 47 percent, and Poe, zero.

"And this business group is very influential. They can really influence people under them, their employees and their colleagues," Bunye said, adding that the MBC survey was a "big factor" in favor of the President.

Bunye also issued a statement saying the SWS survey showed that the people had gotten over the euphoria over Poe.

Performance vs popularity

"The survey trend shows that people are beginning to get over their initial emotions and to see the light of where their interest and their future truly lie— in clout, expertise and experience," he said, adding:

"This is a fight between performance and popularity, illusion versus accomplishment, celluloid versus reality."

He said the President was focused on the task of improving the lives of average Filipinos, her current target group.

"This survey is but a snapshot in the long campaign, but it is a sure signal that we must push on with reforms and programs for the good of the average Filipino," Bunye said.

'Sign of the times'

But Galvez-Tan, who served as health secretary in 1995 during the term of President Fidel Ramos, said that if anything, the latest SWS survey showed Ms Macapagal as not the "choice of the Filipinos in terms of incumbency."

"The sign of the times is that people don't want her anymore," he said. "Only 27 percent are in favor of her administration. Therefore, there must be a change in leadership by either Roco, FPJ, Lacson or Eddie Villanueva."

In the survey where Poe had 36 percent of 1,200 voters polled saying they would vote for him, Ms Macapagal got 27 percent and Roco, 19 percent.

Opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson was fourth with 11 percent, trailed by preacher Villanueva of the Jesus Is Lord Movement at 1 percent and Eddie Gil, .1 percent.

Commenting on Gatmaitan's opinion that support for Roco would dwindle, Galvez-Tan said: "We don't believe in that thesis. People want change; they don't want the status quo. [Support for Roco] will not dwindle, but will increase."

Premature conclusion

Besides, Galvez-Tan said, it was premature to make this conclusion because the campaign period had yet to start.

"In the campaign period, Filipinos will be presented with an array of candidates ... and we will be given the equal opportunity to present our platforms and stand on issues, as well as our candidates," he said.

On Gatmaitan's analysis that the fight had been reduced to Ms Macapagal's machinery versus Poe's charisma and sympathy from the masses, he said: "We don't accept that. It's still a fight between Poe and Roco.

This is just the first survey. You can't base all your plans on one survey. Like in medical practice, if I find a negative blood exam, I need a reconfirmation."

Galvez-Tan also said the survey results were not affecting the morale of Roco and his ticket.

"This is just one measure; there will be other measures. It's too unscientific to base everything on a single instrument," he said.

But he admitted that the survey results had shown the areas that Roco and his candidates should work on to improve their chances of winning.

Rah-rah boys

The President's rah-rah boys at the House said they were confident that she would win against Poe with or without Roco. But they said Roco should not wait for his "embarrassing tail-end finish" by withdrawing this early.

Iloilo Rep. Augusto Syjuco said Ms Macapagal was gathering momentum to "certainly finish strongly as first-placer when candidates get to the finish line."

Syjuco also said Roco's withdrawal could be his biggest legacy to national reconciliation and unity.

Bacolod Rep. Monico Puentevella said voters were becoming serious and entertaining "less fantasy" as May 10 drew near.

"Ideally, Roco's withdrawal would ensure democracy's victory, including the President's, but knowing him, this would be a Herculean sacrifice that he will not do for love of the country," said Puentevella. *With a report from Cynthia D. Balana*

A WELLSPRING of compassion, cultivated by their professors, washes over La Salle Mechanical Engineering students Jonathan Glen Damoluan, Rameses Nicole Gonzales, Martin de Leon, Gerard Vincent Sio and Henzi Palomares. They are appealing to the public for help with their project to build deep wells in squatter relocation sites in Montalban, Rizal. RANDY HORMILLOSA

De La Salle students to dig wells

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tos Jr., the head of special projects and assistant municipal engineer of Rodriguez town.

De Leon said the MES members surveyed the site last October and learned that there was no available source of potable water for the residents.

The group's community service will see the debut of the "Mobile Drilling Rig," which De Leon describes as just one of the many "untested technologies" developed by La Salle engineering students.

The machine, which is being used in a farm in Pampanga, was actually a thesis project submitted in 1995 by three mechanical engineering students—Antonio Cesar Paguio, Emmanuel Victor Tatoy and Dominic Timbancaya.

The mechanism promises to reduce the cost and the time needed to install a deep well, particularly in remote areas, De Leon explained.

The tedious conventional method of deep-well installation involves putting up drilling contraptions on the spot to be dug and then disassembling them when the job is done.

The MDR by contrast is portable and can be easily towed by a jeep as one complete piece of equipment.

De Leon said the materials cost for the deep wells planned for the Rodriguez site is about P15,000 to P20,000 per well. The money will go mainly to the purchase of water pipes and pumps.

Update survey

According to MES vice president Ramses Nicole Gonzales, with the lengthy dry spell being experienced in Luzon now, he and his classmates may have to update their earlier surveys of the site to look for areas to tap for groundwater.

Authorities have warned of a water crisis in the metropolis this summer because of the absence of rainfall since November. According to the National Water Resources Board, the water level at Angat Dam has dropped to 201.56 meters, 4.75 meters below the safe level.

"We may already need to dig deeper wells by this time," said Gonzales.

Gonzales said the wells will be turned over to the community and the system can be run by either a cooperative or a residents' association.

Santos, the municipal engineer, said the Rodriguez local government will help in securing digging and power supply permits and other paper requirements for the students' outreach project.

"We would really welcome it here and I hope the students will get all the support they need," he said.

Initiative

It's not the first time that the MES is sharing its engineering skills with the less privileged, an initiative which they said is being cultivated in the DLSU, particularly by the group's advisers, professors Jose Hernandez and Godofredo Salazar.

In May 2003, five MES officers went on a risky trek into a remote Mangyan village in Baco, Oriental Mindoro, to build a two-room schoolhouse.

They worked for five days at Sitio Kamalig, assembling prefabricated construction materials donated by a Chinese-Filipino association.

The structure now houses a center for teaching basic literacy to the Mangyan villagers run by Mangyan Missions, a nongovernment organization.

The team that went to Mindoro was composed of De Leon, Gonzales and MES officers Gerard Sio, Jonathan Glen Damoluan and Henzi Chester Palomares Jr.

Eye-opener

The group describes their potentially dangerous venture into harsh, communist rebel-infested territory as an eye-opening experience, where they glimpsed the Mangyan way of life and the indigenous group's lingering distrust of lowlanders.

Curiously, the Mindoro project took the students into quite hazardous encounters with water: they braved a damp, leech-infested jungle, crossed a treacherously deep river and experienced continuous pounding rain—the exact opposite of the dry village they now hope to help in Rodriguez.

AFP buries slain ex-rebel with full military honors

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for direct enlistment.

Manabad and the other squad members were awarded medals by Col. Juanito Gomez, 302nd IB chief, assisted by Col. Abraham Casis, 6th Special Forces Battalion commander.

Awardees

The awardees were: Sgt. Santiago Laguitan Jr., Corporals Bernardo Esteban and Newri Darroca, and CVOs Jaime Pangasian, Jaime Gamilla, Reynaldo Celes, Romeo Pangasian, Cerilo Manatad, Reynaldo Pamulagan and Ruel Inieza.

A POW-WOW with her K-4 senatorial bets was held by President Macapagal in Malacañang last Wednesday. Shown, second from left, are Richard Gordon, Farouk Hussin, Robert Barbers, Miriam Defensor-Santiago, John Osmeña, Rodolfo Biazon, Manuel Roxas II (at head of table), Bong Revilla, Robert Jaworski, Orlando Mercado and Lito Lapid. Also present were Presidential Adviser on Religious and Media Affairs Conrado Limcaoco (extreme left) and Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs Gabriel Claudio (6th from right). MALACAÑANG PHOTO

Secret report bares plot to oust FPJ if he wins

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Plan Andres.

The NFH will supposedly be composed of these "core officers": 40 Alfa (Army), 40 Romeo (Scout Rangers), eight Fox (Special Forces), 17 Palaka (Special Warfare Group), 16 Pawikan (Marines), 25 FB (Air Force) and 56 WC (Navy).

They will supposedly be backed by supporters of "Kuya," Honasan's alleged code name, and members of the Guardians and the Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa.

The NFH mission "can only be achieved [through] a strong decisive force" with emphasis on "speed, surprise and shock action," says the report.

It adds that "some of the details" of Campaign Plan Andres were found in "captured documents."

These documents were supposedly taken from members of a group who "plotted to overthrow" the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo. The plot was supposedly to have taken effect after her State of the Nation Address last July 24.

Military takeover

In its analysis of Campaign Plan Andres, the Isafp says "it appears that the FPJ option will hoist Fernando Poe Jr., or a popular presidential aspirant, leading to an expected victory in May 2004."

But meanwhile, it says, "the Robin option continues to consolidate its forces toward a direct military intervention."

The Isafp says the Robin option was planned to be activated any time during the timeline.

It adds: "Should the social and political environment become favorable for a military takeover before the May elections, the Robin option shall take effect... But if that opportunity does not present itself, FPJ will run and be allowed to assume office but will be asked to resign immediately. Should Honasan be his vice president at that time, then his assumption to power will be constitutional. In the event that FPJ refuses, the Robin group will physically eliminate FPJ and Honasan will head a junta handpicked by him."

'Fabrications'

But Honasan dismissed this scenario as "ridiculous."

"I am actively involved in Bantay Balota, the opposition's action plan to secure the people's votes in the May elections," he said. "In fact, we'll be actively coordinating with GMA, the government, in this regard."

Honasan said he was not surprised at the report "because the intelligence community has actually been fabricating many stories, apparently because they're in a state of panic."

He said "corrupt military and police generals who have been misusing intelligence funds" were the source of these fabricated stories.

"That's what they do, (they pocket the) intelligence funds instead of using these in intelligence work," he said. "Instead of doing their job, they're the ones behind destabilization moves. (They're the ones making trouble), not the opposition, which they find very easy to harass."

Honasan said he hoped that Ms Macapagal was "not listening to them."

"Because if she is, that will be a tragedy," he said.

Political and military

The report says the FPJ, or political, option "calls for actions to increase popular support, [bring about a] concrete program of government, and soften the ground in preparation for the Robin option"

"On the other hand, the Robin option calls for a force[d] intervention from the armed component," it says, adding:

"The FPJ group and the Robin group will have to prepare on the same timeline interdependent to one another and must remain in close coordination at all times.

"Logistic requirements for both options shall be provided by groups identified as allies."

The FPJ and Robin options will supposedly be carried out through "Oplan Bahaghari" and "Oplan Kilusang Kayumanggi," respectively.

The latter, says the report, may be triggered by Poe's resignation "and when consensus among ... the stakeholders regarding intervention has been reached, or when a concrete program of action has been laid down."

Transitional government

The report says the NFH mission is to "take over control of government key personalities and vital facilities on a predesignated time by either direct action or induced non-action, or encourage defection in order to establish a transitional government and effect the FPJ program of governance for civil administration."

It says the Central Staff (or Robin group) will "carry out and accomplish respective task[s] with minimum loss of life and destruction to property and institutions."

Expected to oppose

It lists the following as expected to oppose the NFH: National Capital Region defense troops, Presidential Security Group, JTF Libra, Actaf, PA, SEG and MP Battalion, MSEG, LAC, PAFSW, RSAF, Avsecom and CDC units.

"They will be backed by possible foreign intervention, oligarchs and the business community; military officers with the status quo; counter-intelligence efforts; [ex-Presidents] Corazon Aquino and Fidel V. Ramos and the Church hierarchy," it says.

The report says the failure of the mutiny staged by the so-called Magdalo group last July 27 and the eventual detention of most of the rebel soldiers "temporarily cast aside the threat of a swift military takeover."

"But the FPJ option remains in place and the Robin group can still consolidate its forces and take action at a later date," it says.

Clearance

Honasan has been linked to the failed mutiny in Makati.

After being "inaccessible" for 29 days, Honasan surfaced late in August at the Department of Justice to attend a hearing of the coup d'etat charges filed against him in connection with the failed mutiny.

He eventually asked the Supreme Court to stop the DOJ from further investigating the matter.

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It's Gloria who should give way, says Lito O

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The analysts were reviewing the results of the latest Social Weather Station presidential preference survey that showed the President overtaking Roco in second place after Poe.

The SWS survey, conducted between Jan. 16 and Jan. 22, showed Poe leading all presidential aspirants with 36 percent, followed by Ms Macapagal (27 percent) and Roco (19 percent).

In previous surveys Roco had always tied in first place with Sen. Noli de Castro until Poe, who threw his hat into the ring in November, took the lead.

First time

This is the first time that the President has overtaken Roco.

Osmeña insisted that the "most logical thing to do is to convince [the] President to withdraw her bid and not for Roco to quit" in favor of Ms Macapagal.

He explained that even if Roco were to quit the race, his votes would not go to the President.

But if the President were to withdraw, he said he was sure that the votes intended for Ms Macapagal would go to Roco.

'Assignable votes'

He said that the votes intended for Ms Macapagal are "assignable" to the administration party because of its machinery. This means that the votes can be transferred to another candidate should the administration party ever give its machinery to that candidate, he said.

Roco's votes, however, "are his own because he gained this through his personality and performance and not because of his political machinery," Osmeña said.

If Roco were to quit, his votes—coming from fellow Bicolanos, the youth, religious groups and civil society groups—would most likely go instead to Poe, he said.

He also believes that Roco's supporters, having seen how Ms Macapagal has been running the government, were unlikely to vote for her even if Roco were to drop out of the race.

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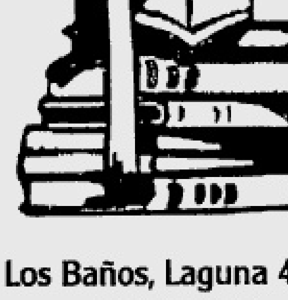

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Grenade hits Dutch Embassy in Baghdad

BAGHDAD—Iraq was bracing for more violence on the eve of a major Muslim holiday after the Dutch Embassy in Baghdad was left in flames by a late night grenade attack and a car bomb exploded in the north, killing three Iraqi policemen.

Firefighters managed to extinguish the blaze at the embassy shortly after a rocket-propelled grenade hit on Friday, but part of the building was severely damaged, Dutch officials said.

In the northern city of Mosul, at least three people were killed when a car bomb exploded Saturday in front of a police station, police said.

"There are three dead," said a police captain at the scene of the blast, requesting anonymity.

US troops rushed to the scene of the attack.

Iraqi police and other local security forces have increasingly become the target of attacks by insurgents who regard them as collaborating with the US-led occupation and also find them easier targets than the Americans.

US forces in the northern city have also repeatedly been a attacked in recent months, either by roadside bombs or in drive-by shootings.

More than 300 Iraqi police have been killed in bomb blasts and other attacks since the end of the war to oust Saddam Hussein, according to Iraq's interior ministry.

Senior coalition members in Iraq have warned the country could face an increase in guerrilla violence in coming days as millions of Muslims celebrate the Eid al-Adha feast of the sacrifice.

The warning came as unrest in northern Mosul left three Iraqi soldiers dead and a fourth severely wounded Friday when gunmen sprayed bullets at a checkpoint outside a former palace of Saddam Hussein.

Dutch foreign ministry spokesperson Martine de Haan said Friday's embassy attack was a deliberate strike against her country.

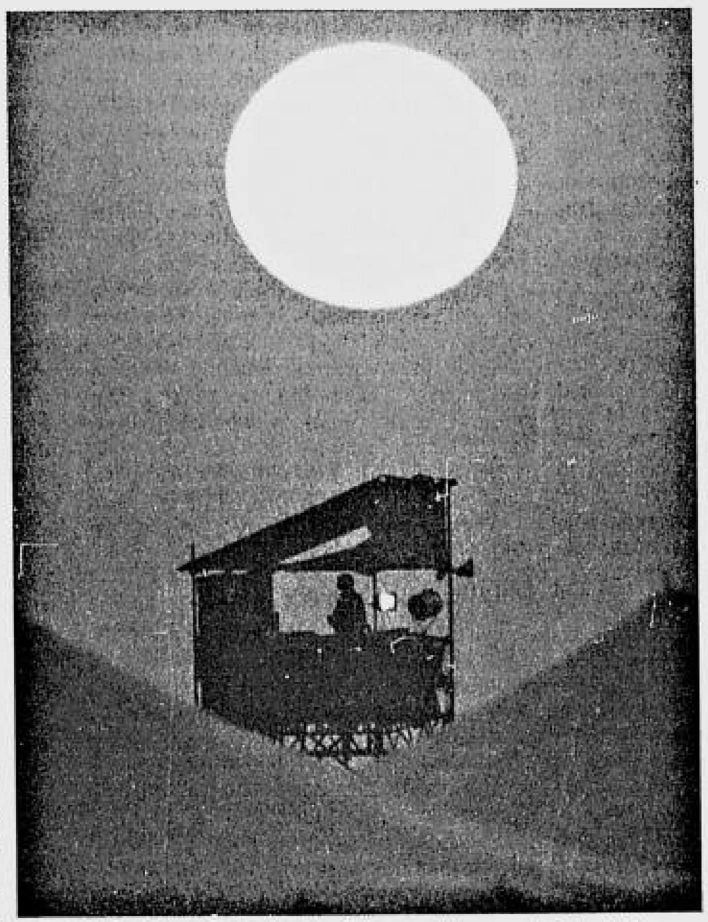
"The Netherlands was clearly targeted in this attack," she said in The Hague, which maintains some 1,200 troops in southern Iraq as part of the US-led coalition.

At least two other explosions shook the city several hours later, the US military confirmed, but these were later explained as controlled blasts.

US Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy director of coalition operations in Iraq, said preparations were being made to tackle any surge in unrest coinciding with Eid, which begins either Sunday or Monday.

Eid al-Adha, honors the prophet Abraham for his readiness to sacrifice his son Ishmael on the order of God, who was testing his faith.

Last October, a wave of carnage in Baghdad greeted the start of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, with attacks on the Red Cross and Iraqi police leaving 42 people dead and more than 200 wounded. *AFP, Reuters*



A DUTCH soldier stands on guard at a watchtower at dusk at the military base in Samawa, southern Iraq, Jan. 30. Japan has ordered the dispatch of its main army contingent to help rebuild Iraq early this week and the contingent will camp at the Dutch base during construction of its own base.

REUTERS

The Pill does not cause weight gain, says study

WASHINGTON—Contrary to popular belief, the birth control pill does not cause most women to gain weight, US and Dutch researchers said on Friday.

Ever since the pill was first introduced in the 1960s, women have complained it made them fat—and generations have used it as an excuse for putting on a little padding.

But a team at Family Health International in Research Triangle Park in North Carolina and the University of Leiden found little evidence this was true.

"Health care providers can reassure women that substantial weight gains have not been demonstrated in women using combination hormonal contraceptives," they wrote in their report, published in the February issue of the journal Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Maria Gallo of Family Health International and colleagues reviewed 42 separate trials of women on birth control pills or patches.

There were three trials that compared the real pill to a placebo in women, and none showed the women taking the actual hormones gained any more weight than women taking dummy pills.

In general the trials were hard to interpret, the researchers said. Many did not say how many women took part, while others did not give enough details to verify how accurate the results might be.

And only one was specifically designed to tell whether the hormone-based pill caused women to gain weight, although several recorded weight in a systematic way.

But if hormone-based birth control puts on pounds, it does not amount to much over a population, they said. *Reuters*

Bird flu spreads in China; WHO urges urgent action

BEIJING—The World Health Organization urged China Saturday to swiftly contain the spread of deadly bird flu after authorities confirmed two more areas were affected and announced four new suspected outbreaks.

In less than a week the number of outbreaks in China has risen to seven—three confirmed and four suspected—in six regions, including in the most populous city, the eastern metropolis of Shanghai.

Bird flu has spread to 10 Asian countries and killed 10 people in Vietnam and Thailand.

"We have repeatedly said there is a brief window of opportunity to act within China," said Julie Hall, a Beijing-based WHO infectious disease expert.

"This latest news strongly suggests that the window is getting smaller with each passing day," she said in a statement.

China announced Friday that in addition to its first confirmed outbreak in the southern region of Guangxi, two previously suspected cases in the central provinces of Hunan and Hubei had been confirmed.

Four new suspected cases have been found—in a farm in suburban Shanghai, two farms in eastern China's Anhui province and a farm in Guangdong province in the south, the Xinhua news agency said.

On Saturday China announced a ban on poultry exports from the newly affected regions, including Guangdong, one of China's top three poultry-producing provinces. Exports from the other regions were banned earlier this week.

China's poultry industry—which produced 9.8 million metric tons of poultry in 2003, making it the second largest producer in the world, according to US figures—could face severe economic losses.

Hong Kong—a major market for neighboring Guangdong—banned poultry from all parts of mainland China Friday, and Japan, China's largest broiler market, also banned Chinese poultry this week.

As part of efforts to contain the disease poultry was being culled in the new suspected areas and poultry workers were being quarantined, officials said.

"In six to seven hours, we've killed 35,000 chickens," said Yang Ping, an official in Anhui province, where dozens of chickens died this week in a farm. *AFP*

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Presidential Commission on Good Government

INVITATION TO BID

The Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) invites offers to purchase by way of sealed public bidding the following properties:

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	FLOOR PRICE
BACOLOD CITY Bacolod Reclamation Area, Bacolod City	46,688 square meters, more or less, of residential/commercial land under TCT No. T-219335	P182,083,000.00
PARAÑAQUE CITY Bayview Village, Roxas Boulevard, Baclaran, Parañaque City	4,038 square meters, more or less, of residential/commercial land	P203,028,500.00
TAGAYTAY CITY J.P. Rizal Avenue cor. Akle Road, Tagaytay City	42,043 square meters, more or less, of residential/commercial land under TCT No. T-43969	P126,125,500.00
BATAAN Bgy. Townsite (Cabcaben), Mariveles, Bataan	Site I – 140,274 square meters, more or less, of agricultural land under TCT Nos. T 81837, T 81838 and T-81839	P2,104,185.00
	Site II – 101,861 square meters, more or less, of agricultural land under TCT No. T 81834	P1,629,514.00
NAGA CITY Bgy. Mabolo, Naga City	5,952 square meters, more or less, of residential / commercial land, under TCT No. 13275	P11,902,000.00
ILIGAN CITY Bgy. Palao, Iligan City	6,000 square meters, more or less, of residential/commercial land under TCT No. 21216, including building, broadcasting equipment and furniture and office equipment	P16,194,500.00
LEGAZPI CITY Bgy. Bitano, Legazpi City	Site I 3,327 square meters, more or less, of residential / commercial land under TCT No. 22921	P29,103,250.00
	Site II – 1,834 square meters, more or less, of residential/commercial land under TCT No. 22921	P5,043,000.00

Pre-bidding conference will be held on February 20, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the PCGG Conference Room, Ground Floor, IRC Building, #82 EDSA, Mandaluyong City. Sealed bids will be accepted, opened and tabulated in the presence of the bidders on March 2, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the above-mentioned address.

Complete description/specifications of the properties including bidding guidelines, bid forms, instructions to bidders and information memorandum are available for a non-refundable fee of ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00) at the Asset Management Department, c/o Ms. Alma M. Provido, 3rd Floor, IRC Building, #82 EDSA, Mandaluyong City from February 2 to February 17, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The sale of the properties shall be in **CASH**, on **"AS IS, WHERE IS"** basis.

The PCGG reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or any part thereof, waive any formality or requirements contained therein and accept the offer it considers as the most advantageous to the Government.

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US air strike killed Afghans, says Karzai

KABUL—An American air strike in an Afghan village earlier this month killed 10 civilians, President Hamid Karzai said Saturday.

The US military said it was studying results of an Afghan investigation into the Jan. 17 raid against suspected Taliban leaders in southern Uruzgan province, but maintained that a warplane fired only on armed men.

Karzai said interior ministry officials who traveled to the region some 400 km southwest of the capital, Kabul, established that 10 civilians had died. At the time of the raid, local officials had said 11 civilians were killed: four men, four children and three women.

"There are casualties unfortunately, according to the report that I have received, of civilians, of children and men and women," Karzai told reporters at his palace.

His spokesperson, Jawed Ludin, said the investigation had focused only on whether civilians had died, and had no information on whether militants also were killed.

US spokesperson Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty said the military took the concerns of the Afghan government "very seriously," and that a review of the report was underway.

At the time, military officials said an AC-130 gunship killed five men leaving a compound in the Char Chino Valley, where it suspected a gathering of midlevel Taliban leaders was going on. The targets escaped, they said.

US officials said the air strike was called in when armed men moved through the darkness toward special forces troops and Afghan militia who had surrounded the compound.

Hilferty said the men were clearly identified on a videotape shot from the aircraft. "We still believe that we killed five militants," he said.

The incident comes less than two months after 15 Afghan children were killed in two air raids in eastern Afghanistan. Commanders vowed at the time to review operations to avoid any repeat, amid protests from Afghan officials and the United Nations.

Hilferty said a change was made after those incidents, but declined to give details.

"We have stringent rules of engagement... before we fire on a target we're as certain as humanly possible that it is an enemy combatant," he said.

He claimed there was "relatively little" loss of civilian life in Afghanistan as a result.

Karzai said he had invited relatives of the Uruzgan victims to Kabul to discuss how the government could help them, but made no comment on the operation itself.

American commanders and Afghan officials are trying desperately to improve security in the lawless south and east ahead of planned summer elections, a key step in the drive to stabilize the country. *AFP*

WORLDBRIEFS

China reports new SARS case

BEIJING—China on Saturday reported one new confirmed case of deadly pneumonia-like SARS, the fourth confirmed case this winter. The patient had already been discharged from hospital in the southern province of Guangdong, the Ministry of Health said in a statement on its website. No details were given on the patient. The other three patients, also from Guangdong, have also been treated and released. The four cases mark a reemergence of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, which first surfaced in Guangdong province in November 2002 and spread to more than 30 countries, killing nearly 800 people. *AFP*

Bush wants facts on Iraq arms

WASHINGTON—US President George W. Bush declined Friday to lend his voice to a growing chorus calling for an independent probe into incorrect prewar claims about Iraqi weapons but insisted he wants "the facts." In what could prove a major election-year headache for Bush, former chief US weapons hunter David Kay says his Iraq Survey Group found no evidence of banned stockpiles in Iraq and that they probably did not exist on the eve of the war. And Kay's calls for an independent investigation have rallied opposition Democrats, who hope growing doubts about the case for invading Iraq will bloody Bush's reelection bid, and even some of Bush's fellow Republicans. "I, too, want to know the facts," Bush insisted during a meeting with economists at the White House. "I want to be able to compare what the Iraq Survey Group has found with what we thought prior to going into Iraq." But Bush twice ducked questions about whether he backed an independent probe, insisting instead that the US-led March 2003 invasion that toppled Saddam had removed a "danger" to the United States and the world. *AFP*

Chirac aide Juppe guilty of corruption

PARIS—In a verdict with major implications for France's governing center-right, one of President Jacques Chirac's top political allies—former prime minister Alain Juppe—was found guilty Friday of illegal party funding and barred from public office. Juppe, who at 58 now heads the pro-Chirac Union for a Popular Movement (UMP) party, was given an 18-month suspended jail term by the court in the Paris suburb of Nanterre—a sentence which under electoral rules means an automatic disqualification for 10 years. The former prime minister had threatened to leave politics if declared ineligible for office, ruling himself out of contention to succeed Chirac after 2007 presidential elections and setting off a potentially bitter period of in-fighting within the UMP. *AFP*

Reporter at center of inquiry quits BBC

LONDON—Andrew Gilligan, the journalist whose radio report triggered the row between the British government and the BBC that preceded the suicide of Iraq weapons expert David Kelly, said Friday he had resigned from the public broadcaster. In a statement to Britain's domestic Press Association news agency, Gilligan acknowledged that part of his May 29 report—which alleged that Prime Minister Tony Blair's government had "sexed up" intelligence on Iraq—was wrong. "I again apologize for it," he said. "My departure (from the BBC) is at my own initiative. But the BBC collectively has been the victim of a grave injustice." *AFP*

Hajj pilgrims arrive at Mount Arafat

MOUNT ARAFAT, Saudi Arabia—Pilgrims converged here Saturday for the central ritual of the hajj—prayers and soul-searching at Mount Arafat, where the Prophet Muhammad preached his last sermon. A pilgrimage to this gentle hill 20 km southwest of Mecca is believed to represent the Day of Judgment, when Islam says every person will stand before Allah and answer for his deeds. The hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca required of all able-bodied Muslims once in a lifetime, climaxes Saturday noon with the arrival of the nearly 2 million pilgrims at Mount Arafat, where Muhammad delivered his last sermon in A.D. 632, three months before his death. *AP*

11 pensioners die in Scotland blaze

UDDINGSTON, Scotland—At least 11 senior citizens died Saturday when a fire swept through a retirement home in the Scottish town of Uddingston east of Glasgow, firefighters said. The toll was likely to rise, with a spokesperson for the local fire department saying there had been "a large number of fatalities." More than 40 firefighters were sent to extinguish the blaze, which broke out in one wing of the two-story, 43-bed building in the early hours of Saturday. At least 40 people were in the Rosepark home when the fire broke out. *AFP*

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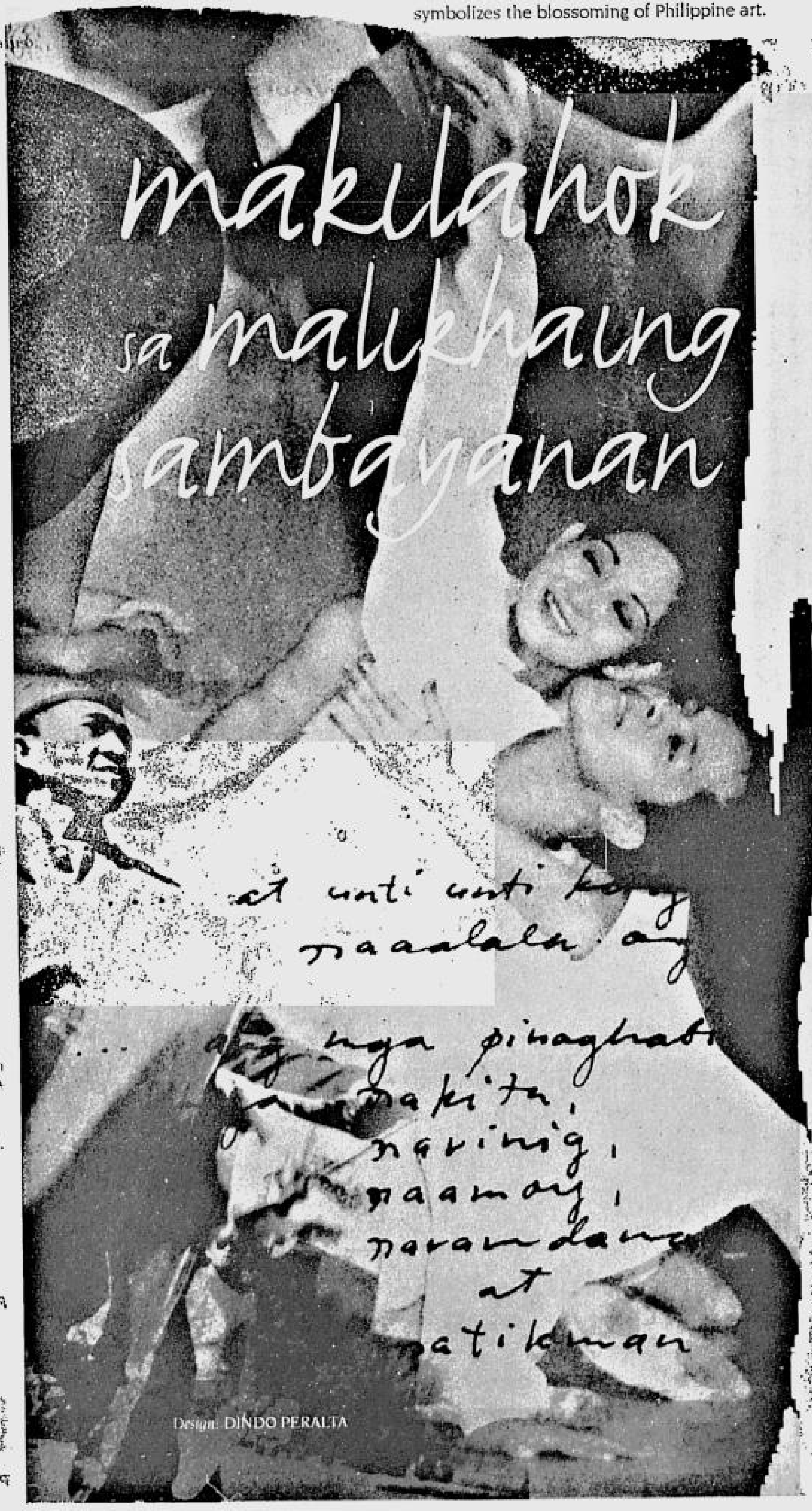

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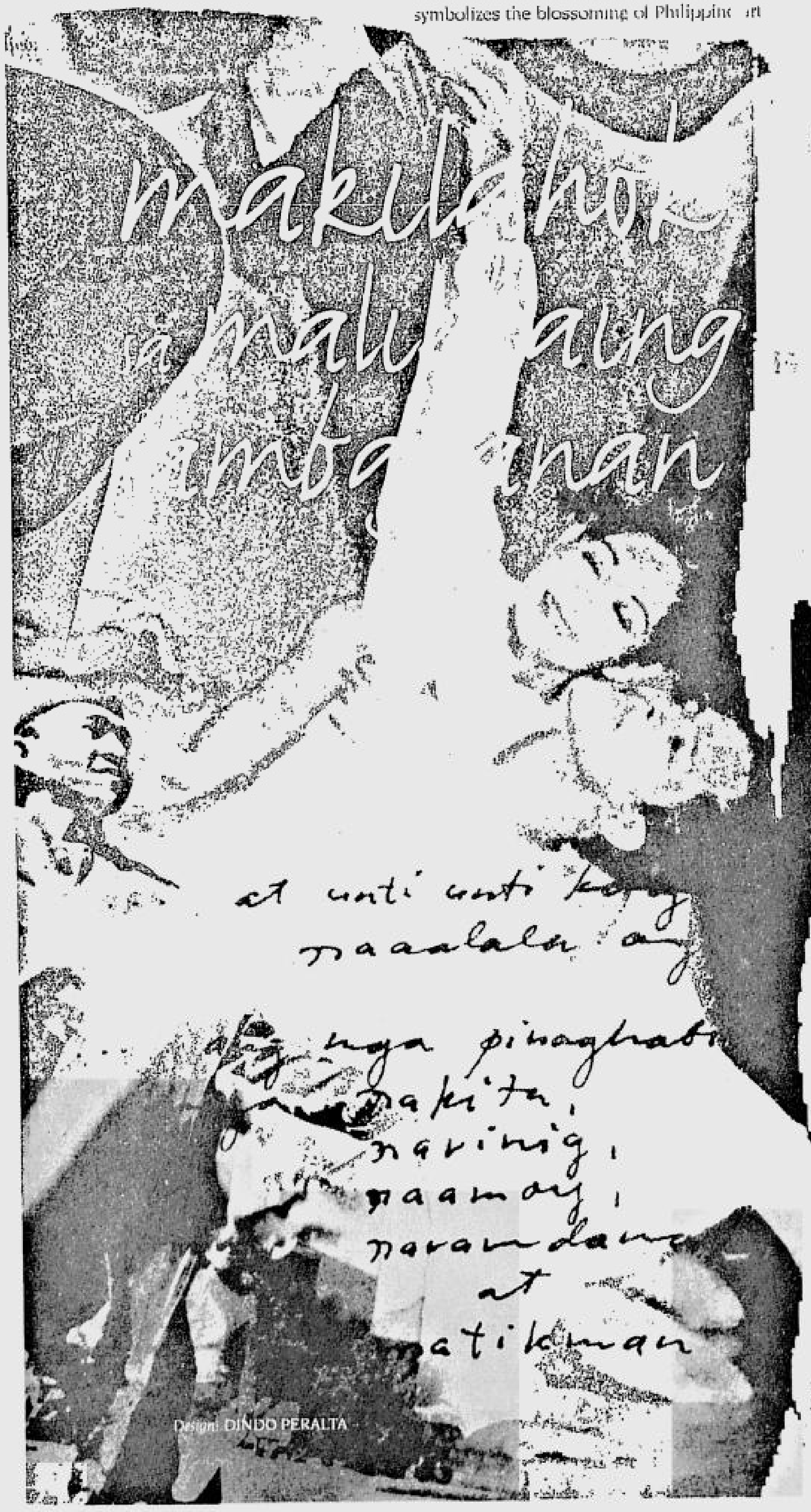

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Pagdanganan order surprises DAR exec

DAVAO CITY—Although not admitting that there was a mistake, the Department of Agrarian Reform director for Southern Mindanao was apparently caught by surprise by Secretary Roberto Pagdanganan's decision to reverse a motion to deny the exemption for land reform of Floirendo-owned lands in Davao del Norte.

"My order was reversed," said regional director Rodolfo Inson of his earlier motion to deny the application for exemption from the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (Carp) of several tracts of land belonging to agricultural corporations of businessman Antonio Floirendo.

It was an order that was affirmed by then Agrarian reform Secretary Hernani Braganza on April 24, 2002 who ordered the acquisition for land reform of 50.86 hectares of Floirendo-owned lands.

But on Dec. 18 last year, Pagdanganan's Order 0012-03 reversed the previous decision on the four cases of the contested land and granted the Floirendo estate's appeal for Carp exemption.

Inson made clear that his earlier motion to deny the petition was based on merits, and that he himself had made an ocular inspection of the contested land.

"I went to the area together with my staff," Inson said.

"I decided then during our discussion in a committee that we recognize that these (contested lands) area (is) not utilized for nursery based on our ocular inspection and evidence submitted for review," Inson told the INQUIRER.

Carp does not cover lands that are utilized for fishponds or livestock.

Inson said there was nothing more he can do about it as the decision was "from the secretary (Pagdanganan) and we have to respect and follow."

He, however, said disgruntled farmers could submit a petition to the President or file a case in court.

He said a petition for a review on Pagdanganan's decision had already been filed.

Carlos Munda, the company's corporate communications manager, said the contested lands are either fishponds, pasture lands or second growth areas, and therefore not "Carpable" (not subject for land reform).

Munda said the company had already submitted all its agricultural lands for land reform.

"Not a single hectare (agricultural land) is now owned by the Floirendos," he said.

He added that the contested lands, numbering more or less a thousand hectares, are idle.

"These 1,000 hectares have been inspected plenty of times and are not 'Carpable' under the law," Munda said. *Dennis Jay C. Santos, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

2 buses collide in Zambales; 11 die, 20 wounded

BOTOLAN, Zambales—At least 11 people were killed while 20 others suffered injuries after two Victory Liner buses collided along the highway in Barangay Santiago here on Saturday morning.

Senior Insp. Alex Fulgar, town police chief, identified the fatalities as Dennis Bueno, his wife Gina and their 10-year-old child Justin; Numeriano Manabat, driver of one of the buses; and passengers Romeo Nakar, Armando de la Isla, Raul Montes, Sheila Aquino, Charmie Mauricio, Maylene Trias and Jocylin Realino.

Reports said eight of the victims, including driver Manabat, died instantly.

Fulgar said the death toll could rise because many of the injured victims, who were taken to the Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Hospital in Iba town, were reported to be in critical condition.

Police reports said one of the Victory Liner buses, which was bound for Olongapo City, overtook a cart hauling cogon grass along the highway's section in Sitio Cauayan at about 5:40 a.m. but its driver, Aldrin Marquez, failed to notice the oncoming bus driven by Manabat.

Reports said both drivers failed to apply the brakes on their vehicles on time, resulting in a head-on collision.

The roof of one of the buses was almost detached while the front to middle portion of the other bus was crumpled, police said. *Cesar Villa, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Pols in a bind because of rebs, gov't soldiers, says Ecija gov

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—Communist rebels ask politicians to pay permit-to-campaign fees (PTCs) while military and police officials are discouraging them to ignore these demands.

But this situation, according to Nueva Ecija Gov. Tomas Joson III, puts politicians in a bind.

"If you don't show you're ready to fight, they (communist rebels) bully you. I know that politicians don't want to pay (PTCs) but they are saying 'What can we do? We are at the mercy of these people who roam around the town and the barangays fully armed. We don't have security and no persons to depend on.' This is the dilemma of this program (resisting the demands for PTC)," Joson, chair of the regional peace and order council, told the INQUIRER on Tuesday.

He said the council's official position on the PTC is "not to pay." Central Luzon's seven governors and more than 120 town and city mayors sit as members of the council.

Joson, however, admitted that their official position was easier said than done.

"If you're in the mountainous and coastal areas, in the towns where they have a lot of influence, it's difficult to say you're not paying," he said.

Joson said politicians were not keen at giving information that would help authorities stop the collection of PTC fees.

"No one would admit they gave (money or guns). They could be sued," Joson said.

The military said the collection of PTC fees was aimed at enlarging the cache of firearms or supporting daily operations of rebels.

During the RPOC briefing, the New People's Army of the Communist Party of the Philippines and the Rebolusyonaryong Hukbong Bayan of the Marxist-Leninist Party of the Philippines were described as the "most potent threats" in the security of Central and Northern Luzon.

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Dr. Anna Marie Madamba-Burgos, Obstetrician-Gynecologist, high-risk pregnancy specialist. Platinum member since 2001.

FPJ presents 40-year experience in showbiz

NAGA CITY—Fernando Poe Jr. on Friday bared his 40-year experience in show business in response to critics questioning his credentials to run the country.

Poe told a crowd of 5,000 cheering fans and supporters at the University of Nueva Caceres (UNC) Gym on Friday that: *"Karanasan ko... My forty years bilang isang artista, kung saan-saan po ako nakarating—sa gubat, bundok at dagat* (My experience. My 40 years as a movie actor, I have gone everywhere—the forest, mountain and sea)."

He presented his show business experience in a nutshell when he said "*Wala daw akong* experience (They say I have no experience)."

"*Ginampanan ko ang mga papel bilang* Muslim, military officer, *pulis*, jeepney driver, taxi driver, *kutsero. At nang minsan ginampanan ko po ang pari* (I have played the roles of a Muslim, military officer, policeman, jeepney driver, taxi driver, coach. And once, I have acted the role of a priest)," Poe added.

He said his performance in these roles enabled him to understand how the people feel and suffer. He ended his short speech, drowned in cheers, by saying that he is not indebted to anyone and that he will restore confidence in the government once elected. He waved at the excited crowd who were waving FPJPM white-and-blue flaglets inside the jampacked gymnasium.

Poe also revealed that he had shot a film in Pili town when he was just 22 years old with the title "Isa Laban sa Lahat" and said he has also friends in this city and Pili and Guinobatan, Albay.

The first sortie in Bicol of Poe and his running mate Loren Legarda was a star-studded affair graced by famous Bicolano actor "Manoy" Eddie Garcia and Albay-born actress Boots Anson Roa, who is also in the senatorial race.

Jinggoy Estrada and the other senatorial line-up that included Ernesto Maceda, Juan Ponce Enrile, Mina Rasul, Didagen Dilangalen and Francisco Tatad were also present at the occasion of the FPJ presidential movement in this city, the birthplace of presidential aspirant Raul Roco.

Busloads of Poe fans and supporters from Sorsogon, Catanduanes, Albay and Camarines Sur and Norte started to arrive at the UNC Gym at 12 noon Friday, passing through strict security procedures. FPJPM identification cards were demanded from fans and supporters entering the UNC compound.

At about 3 p.m., Poe's entourage of senatorial aspirants started to arrive at the UNC Gym, each tightly shielded by human barricades, as they inched their way up the gym's stage through the frenzied crowd.

The crowd stood up as fanfare blared in loud speakers when the movie actor made the entrance amid rousing cheers. He was tracked by klieg lights that followed his way to the stage from the gym's gate as he waded through the sea of fans and supporters, stopping from time to time to acknowledge hands waving at him.

A supporter of Poe from Sorsogon, five hours bus ride from Naga City, said she supports Poe's presidential bid with the hope that he might bring change to the country.

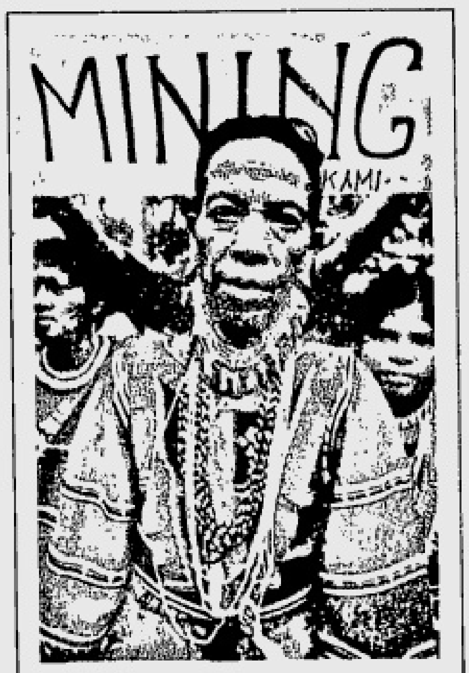
"I will not vote for Roco because he will not win. I would rather vote for the candidate who will surely win," Lilian Galpo of Sta. Magdalena, Sorsogon, said.

"For Gloria," Galpo said, "*Sawa na* (I'm tired of her)."

Another fan, inching her way to the stage said she supports Poe because she had been his fan all her life.

Poe planed in from Legazpi City to Naga City and paid a visit to the senior leader of Eduardo Cojuangco's Nationalist People's Coalition and local chair, former Speaker Arnulfo Fuentebella, who is running for congressman under the local NPC.

During the political rally, Poe had also sworn in new members of the Partido ng Masa from Bicol. ***Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***



INDIGENOUS CALLS JOAN BONDOC
These lumad from Mindanao appeared in a press conference yesterday to show their displeasure at the Supreme Court decision declaring the Mining Act of 1995 unconstitutional. They also urged the pull out of soldiers in militarized indigenous areas like Mindoro.

Passengers get help from DSWD project in Samar

TACLOBAN CITY—Passengers at the port in Barangay Looc, Allen, Northern Samar, would no longer have to worry about their safety or where to find immediate help in case of emergency or whenever they are stranded at the Allen port.

An assistance center, called Angkas (Alliance of Networks for Assistance to Strandees) was set up in the port area on Jan. 6 to ensure that the needs of stranded passengers are taken care of.

Under the project, the port authorities will also take care of other travelers needing immediate or emergency aid, not only in times of typhoons but during ordinary days as well.

The project, initiated by the Department of Social Welfare and Development in Eastern Visayas led by its director, Jim Rebustillo, is in partnership with the local government led by Mayor Laureana Suan, the Balwharteco (a private firm operating a port) and the operators of ferry boats and buses plying the Allen-Matnog route in Sorsogon province (Bicol area) route.

The project would address the perennial problem of hundreds of passengers stranded in the area every time there is a typhoon and ferries are barred from leaving the port, Rebustillo said in a statement.

Hundreds passed through the port every day as it is only one of two transit points to Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The other is located in Barangay Poblacion, Liloan, Southern Leyte.

The study of Project "Angkas" Task Force revealed that an average of 2,000 are stranded in the port every time a typhoon signal is hoisted over the area. This is further aggravated by the fact that the Eastern Visayas region is often hit by typhoons.

Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman, who graced the launching, hailed the project, noting that Eastern Visayas was the "first region ever to initiate such an assistance system for (stranded passengers) that is coordinated, structured and systematic."

Soliman added that with the setting up of a help desk-assistance center, she hoped that the DSWD would also be able to prevent or minimize the trafficking of children and women from rural areas to Metro Manila or other urban centers.

ROUNDUP

5 bolt jail

KORONADAL CITY—At least five inmates at the city's lock-up cell escaped early morning yesterday but responding policemen later arrested one of them. Supt. Florendo Quivilla, Koronadal City police chief said, Rodel Beriales, Romeo Alamada, Romeo Baylosis, Marvin Cachuela and Arne Cabaylon used a saw to open the iron grill of the jail's main door at about 1 a.m. Police later arrested Beriales. Quivilla said the detainees' transfer to the much-bigger South Cotabato provincial jail has been delayed. Mayor Fernando Miguel has offered P30,000 for the capture of the remaining escapees. ***Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

2 dead in ambush

ZAMBOANGA CITY—At least two persons, including a policeman, died while two others have been seriously wounded when armed men ambushed a motorcycle in Barangay Puliran, Sibuco, Zamboanga del Norte, Monday. Maj. Gen. Trifonio Salazar, commander of the 1st Infantry Division identified the two fatalities as PO2 Jumrani Ailani of the 9th Regional Mobile Group and Wally Cairal. The injured victims were Assan Kiram and his wife Linda. "The (victims) were going to Sirawai (town) when they were ambushed by the suspects," Salazar said. Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Roy Kyamko believes that the incident was triggered by a family grudge. ***Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Tribute to solon

TUGUEGARAO CITY—Cagayan Gov. Edgar Lara ordered officials in the province to fly all Philippine flags at half staff to pay tribute to the late former Rep. Francisco Mamba Sr. who succumbed to cancer in Canada on Jan. 21. Mamba, a former police chief and mayor of Tuao town, was appointed acting governor in 1986. He served as representative of Cagayan's third district from 1992 to 1995 and was one of the leading figures in Cagayan politics. Mamba's son, former Tuao Mayor Emmanuel Mamba, is the incumbent representative of Cagayan's third district. ***Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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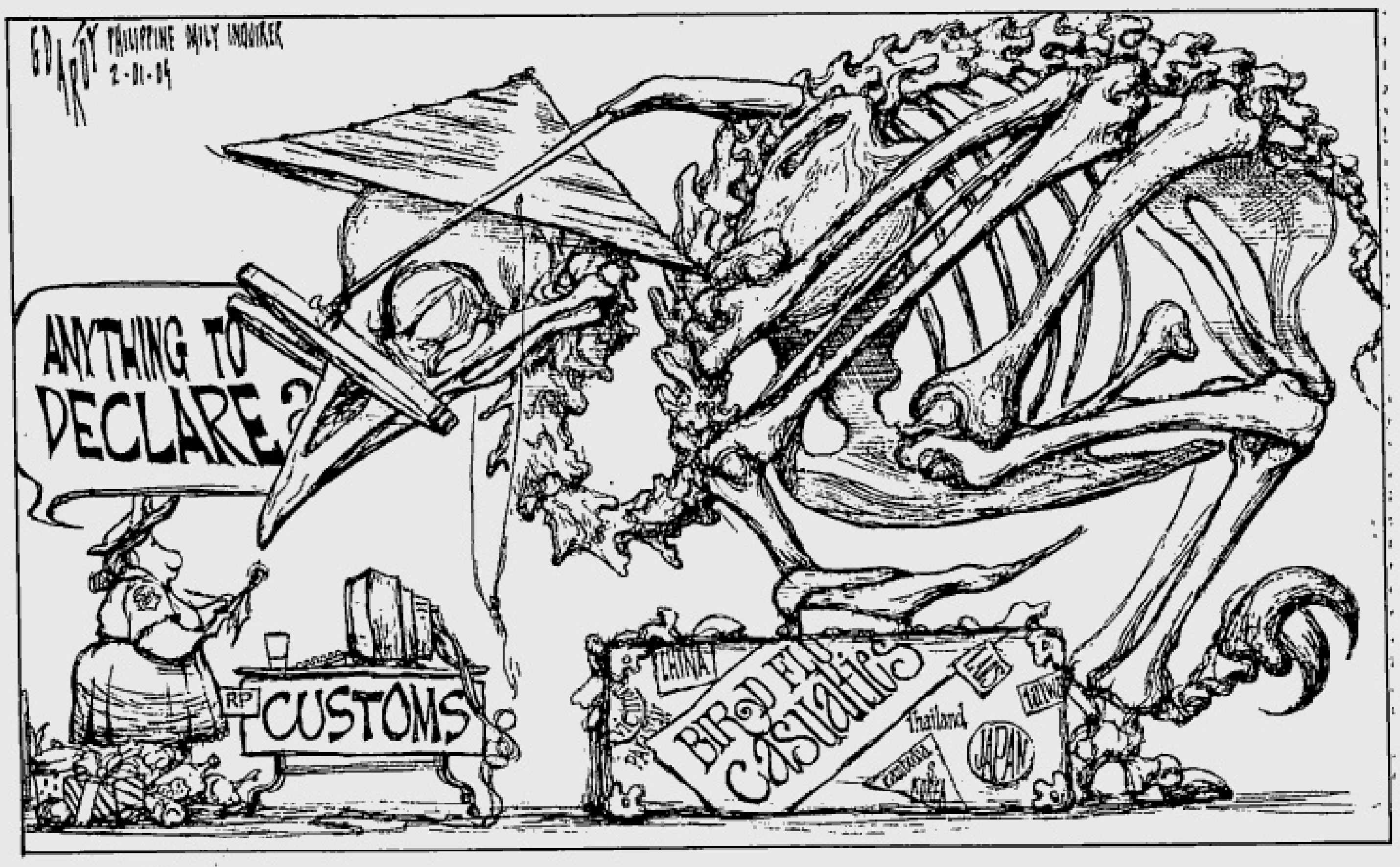

The race

EDITORIAL

AS soon as the results of the latest Social Weather Stations survey came out, the spin doctors immediately went to work. To be sure, there is plenty for supporters of both President Macapagal-Arroyo and opposition coalition candidate Fernando Poe Jr. to crow about, but before their PR offensives get out of hand, let us note the following.

The snapshot of the presidential race taken in mid-January—Poe at 36, Ms Macapagal at 27, ex-senator Raul Roco at 19, Sen. Panfilo Lacson at 11—is significant precisely because someone is not in the picture. The decision of Sen. Noli de Castro to run for vice president has in large part determined the position of the runners at this stage of the race.

In the November survey, SWS found that Poe, at 25, and De Castro, at 24, were statistically tied for the lead. In the January survey, commissioned by the ABS-CBN network and the Manila Standard, the results showed that De Castro's bloc of votes seems to have been almost evenly split between Poe and the President.

By naming De Castro as her running mate, by drawing him out of the race, Ms Macapagal found the momentum she needed to overtake Roco. The spike in her rating—10 points, from 17—is about the same as the increase in Poe's ratings between September and November last year, when he led the pack for the first time. Between November and January, however, Poe added another 11 points to his lead.

The opposition line, therefore, is that Poe's victory is inevitable, following two successive quarters of 11-point increases. But it is foolhardy to extrapolate from this surge that the next quarter will bring yet another double-digit increase. For one thing, the conditions in March or April, the time of the next survey, right smack in the middle of the national campaign period, will be dramatically different.

The administration line is that the two-person race they've wanted all along is now coming into view, with the possibility of Roco and Lacson dropping out of the race reduced to a question of when, not if. We can be sure that Palace pressure on Roco to retire from the field will intensify in the next few weeks. At the back of this strategy is the assumption that his voters are more likely to switch to Ms Macapagal than to Poe.

We are not so sure. It is important to note that Roco's base of support has remained steady in the last several surveys. About one-fifth of eligible voters continue to say they will vote for him. The loyalty of this base reminds us of the level of core support for deposed President Joseph Estrada, which has been consistent at about one-fourth except in the immediate aftermath of Edsa II.

It is equally important to note, however, that any increase in support for Roco, who began airing television advertisements at about the time the field research for the January survey was conducted, must be both rapid and dramatic, if his candidacy is to benefit from it. The TV advertisements indicate his funding has kicked in. The question is, will there be enough to show a resurgence in his rating fortunes by March or April.

The next survey will finally determine whether Roco, the erstwhile pacesetter, still has a chance of overtaking the President's lead.

Lacson has a similar dilemma, and a similar game plan. In the last few surveys, his core support has stayed at the 10-percent level. If he wants to present himself as a winnable alternative to Poe, his campaign must demonstrate a rapid and dramatic change. He has hinted as much, saying last week that April was the break-or-make date for the opposition to finally decide on either Poe or himself. But it must be said that he has more hurdles in his track than Roco has, and thus greater odds in overtaking Poe.

Finally, we must point out that the nine-point difference between Poe and the President's ratings is significant, but only statistically. Politically, it has had the effect of electrifying the President's troops. Efforts to draw Roco out of the race will redouble. But the main focus of the President's men will be to stop the Poe bandwagon in its tracks. That means helping keep Lacson in the race.

My friend Doy

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

I WRITE this with a heavy heart because it concerns Doy Laurel. We were friends for more than half a century, and now my friend is gone. I am diminished by his loss.

Doy passed away last Wednesday in the United States, far from the country he loved so well. He was confined for lymphatic cancer in the hospital, where he was in a coma for 21 days. He suddenly woke up, asked that his chemotherapy be discontinued and his life-support systems removed. He went back to his rented apartment, refreshed himself and had a hearty meal. He cheerfully said that he had already "been there" and had come back only to say goodbye. A week later, he went away again, this time for good.

During his hospitalization, I rejected the distressing reports about his ailment, knowing him to be a robust and vigorous person. The time came, however, when the news about him became more urgent and I felt I should drop him a note to cheer him up a bit. And so I called up his house for his address in the United States, but two hours later, our mutual friend and law partner, Leon L. Asa, informed me of Doy's impending demise. I then faxed him my letter, hoping that it would be read to him on time.

Doy was many things to his friends and admirers. He was a champion orator during his college days, an accomplished law practitioner who devoted much of his time and talent to pro bono cases, a law professor after his post-graduate studies at Yale, his father's own alma mater, a member of the Senate who authored the so-called Justice-for-the-Poor laws, and the founder of the CLASP that handles thousands of cases a year for indigent clients. He was elected Vice President of the Philippines in 1986 and briefly served as secretary of foreign affairs. His last position was chair of the National Centennial Commission in 1998.

He was an avid sportsman, a sometime singer, and an admirer of beautiful women, but never in preference to his lovely Celia, whom he adored. He was also a devoted family man who, despite his busy public life, enjoyed many leisure hours of fun and song with his wife and children, as well as his brothers and sisters.

He published many books, most of them on the Constitution and various public issues. The latest (and last) of these was "Through Ordeal and Turmoil," which he dedicated to Ambassador Jose S. Laurel III, before his Kuya Pepe passed away last year. I had the honor of writing the foreword for that book, a copy of which he autographed for me "with appreciation, affection and esteem."

He was a man who valued friendship and was himself a valuable friend. He was modest to a fault; never arrogant or vainglorious, he had an innate humility that he retained even after attaining high positions and impressive distinctions. While partners in our law firm, we treated each other as equals, but when I was appointed to the Supreme Court, he accorded me a new respect befitting my position. Whenever I left his office after a visit, he always took the trouble of escorting me to the elevator and waiting with me until it came.

Doy did many good things for his country, but he served it best during the dark days of martial law, which he valiantly resisted despite its threats of persecution and vengeance. His brother, former Speaker J. B. Laurel Jr., was already semi-retired, and Sen. Gerardo Roxas, co-chair of the Unido, had died of cancer. Ninoy Aquino was in the United States, and other leaders had chosen discretion as the better part of valor. So it was left to Doy to raise the standards of the opposition against the might of Marcos and his armed forces.

Because of Doy, many of our people who might have resigned themselves to the tyranny of the KBL regime, preserved and strengthened the hope for their deliverance. It was Doy who nurtured that hope. It was Doy who inflamed them with his speeches, who told them to be angry and not be afraid, who assured them that the spirit of liberty could not die and would ultimately prevail. It was also Doy who, when Ninoy Aquino was murdered on that evil night, followed and took the corpse of his fallen friend from the hands of his enemies.

Many people believed that, as head of the Unido and in recognition of his courageous resistance to martial law, Doy Laurel was the logical candidate against Marcos in that historic "snap" election. There was, however, Corazon Aquino, Ninoy's widow, whom many others supported. At the height of the controversy, which seemed irresoluble, Doy sent his car to take me to his house in Alabang, where I found him alone. He showed me a statement he had written and asked me to tell him what I felt. Then he left the room. I found that he was yielding the top berth to Cory, and when I went out to tell him I was elated, I saw him waiting by the door. "It's what Papa would have done," he said.

Salvador H. Laurel will be remembered with gratitude as one of the outraged young men who dared oppose the abuses of the Marcos years. This was heroism at its best. His was the righteous cause that, more powerful than the hail of bullets and the blast of bombs, challenged the dictator's juggernaut and stopped it on its tracks. I am grieved over Doy's passing but immensely proud that he was my friend.

Truth and consequence

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a newly wed couple who lived a blissful life together. The husband would go to work each morning, and when he came home from work, their dog would come out barking and the wife would come out right away to welcome him and bring his slippers. After some years of marriage, the husband still went to work, and when he came home from work, the wife would come out barking and their dog would bring the slippers!

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In today's Gospel (Lk. 4, 21-30) Jesus went back to His hometown and was welcomed by his town mates. All agreed with Him and all were amazed at His wisdom. However, they began to bark at Him when He started to disturb their comfortable, clannish and exclusive zones. But, Jesus went on and spoke His truth anyway. He said what had to be said, and He did not care who got hurt in the process, even if that meant Him getting hurt. For Jesus, truth was not something to hide, use, abuse or manipulate. For Jesus, truth was non-negotiable. Truth was not relative to His fame or shame. Look at truth being tossed around and beaten up these days. And look at all the liars all around us. Everybody knows they are lying, yet they get away with it. Lying is the easy way out, but Jesus teaches us today that being truthful is the only way to go into God's heart.

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Today, let us all ask God for forgiveness for our lies, pretenses and manipulations, especially for those times we justified these for the sake of survival, and even in God's name. Let us ask God to forgive us for the times we lied and convinced ourselves that it was all right. The tragedy is not in the lying but in the perpetuation of the lying, and comforting ourselves with the thought that it's okay, and it's all right.

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When was the last time you spoke out your truth? When was the last time you were left out or persecuted because you said what had to be said? When was the last time you "rocked the boat"? If you never experienced persecution or criticism from others, maybe it is because you never have taken the road of a prophet, for the simple reason that you are treading the comfortable and easy road of profit.

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Don't we all consciously or unconsciously look down and deride people who are not of our own kind? Don't we all fall into the sin of pride when we consider ourselves better and more worthy than others? And don't we all entertain the thought that some people, coming from some group or some place, cannot possibly become like us, simply because they are not one of us and are definitely not at par with our standards?

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There is a story about a fox that lured a chicken to share its feathers in exchange for a worm. The chicken thought this was a good idea, an easy way to get a worm. For every feather, a worm. Great! But after a while, the chicken could no longer fly because it had no more feathers left and the fox simply jumped in, caught and ate it. The same thing happens when we exchange our values, beliefs, truths and principles for worldly honor, riches and power. With elections just around the corner, watch out! It is a time when foxes and featherless chickens abound.

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There is a final reckoning for everything. I realized this in a very special way when I had to rush to our hometown Bani, Pangasinan last Monday to be with Mama who was going into a diabetic coma. I, my brothers and sisters dropped everything to be with her. Death is the great opener of truth. Our real selves and our deepest feelings come out when we come face to face with death. We don't have to wait for that final moment before we bring out our true selves.

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It was some kind of a reunion for us as we traveled together to be with Mama. There were many realizations and many revelations. It can happen that in our busy lives we tend to forget and take for granted what and who are really important in our existence. The prospect of losing Mama was painful. But, with all humility I can say that I had no regrets because I have done my very best. Yes, we all must live in such a way that when our last moments or their last moments come, we will have no regrets that we loved too little, too late.

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God is good and God is a God of surprises. When we arrived, Mama was up and about and she even prepared a delicious meal for all of us! She was okay. And she was so happy that we all had come home for her. The Lord turned our tears and fears into laughter and our previous anxiety into joy. Looking back, I think Mama made us get in touch with our real selves and come home to our deepest truths once again with her "exit rehearsal."

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Last Jan. 29 was the first Feast Day of Joseph Freinademetz as a saint. He was our first Divine Word missionary to China where he preached the truth and the good news. To the very end, he told his truth quietly, clearly and joyfully. May we continue to radiate God's truth and love.

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A Moment with the Lord

Lord, help me to be truthful even if it is painful and even if it is not "fruitful." Amen.

On travel advisories and the avian flu

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

WEEKS after Francis Ricciardone's abrupt departure from the Philippines, there remains lingering speculation on the reasons for his sudden recall. In the diplomatic world, one of the reasons for the recall of an envoy is to express displeasure over certain actions taken by the host government. It was mentioned that Ricciardone's Middle East expertise—he speaks Arabic, among other languages—was needed in the rebuilding of Iraq. Now the truth has finally come out. The real reason for Ricciardone's recall was to express America's resentment over the harassment and harsh treatment of one of its citizens, Fernando Poe Jr. But not to worry, Ricciardone should be back in time for FPJ's inauguration. In the meantime, Minister Joseph Mussomeli will handle the day-to-day affairs of the embassy.

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Lately, there have been so many travel advisories against the Philippines, mostly issued by our allies in the Coalition of the Willing in the Iraq war. The United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and France, among others, have renewed warnings against traveling to the Philippines, citing terrorist threats and possible kidnappings of their citizens. I am wondering how our Department of Tourism can come up with rosy figures indicating increasing tourist arrivals. Unless, of course, they have an expert in window dressing who has been doing some magical accounting or, maybe, they include the illegal Chinese fishermen who have been caught in mounting numbers operating in Philippine waters.

But let's look at the bright side of things. Even the migratory birds who are supposed to be possible carriers of the avian flu have been avoiding the Philippines. That's the reason Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit and World Health Organization country representative, Dr. Jean Marc Olive, have no qualms about appearing on television eating fried chicken.

Speaking of travel advisories, did you know that when the United States tightened up security measures at airports particularly against Middle East and Asian travelers, Indonesia retaliated by issuing its own advisory warning its citizens to avoid travel to the United States because they run the risk of being subjected to all kinds of harassment and security checks? How's that for chutzpah!

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Last week, I visited a number of AFP units just to check on the implementation of the new salary scale for its officers and enlisted personnel. You will recall that shortly after the Oakwood mutiny last July, President Macapagal-Arroyo promised to ask Congress for P5.8 billion to cover increases in the pay of our soldiers as provided in Republic Act No. 9166 of 2001. The law brought the basic pay of a private to the same level as that of a Police Officer 1 (PO1) as well as a new public school teacher. All three would be receiving a basic monthly pay of P8,607.

Can you imagine that?! For so many years, our soldier fighting and dying in the field was paid less than a policeman or a new public schoolteacher. Of course, the administration people will say that the increase in salaries was programmed for funding early last year and had nothing to do with the Oakwood incident. That may be true but sometimes good intentions need a little shove to ensure that action is taken. Otherwise they run the risk of getting sidetracked by other urgent requirements of government.

At any rate, you've got to credit GMA for pushing through with this long overdue compensation package for the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Surprisingly, a number of military personnel I spoke to said they were going to vote for FPJ.

According to the new pay scale, a captain will now receive P17,334 while a brand new second lieutenant will get P16,026. Basic pay of a major moves up to P18,020. In my time, P180 per month was the pay check of a second lieutenant. Of course, the exchange rate then was P4 to the US dollar.

Now for the bad news. While adjustments have been made for personnel in the active service, those on the retired list, who are supposed to enjoy similar benefits as those on active duty, in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 1638, have not had any increase in their retirement pension since July 2002 when they received a 10 percent addition. This is aside from other benefits due them as veterans. The way things look, even our widows may not be able to share in future adjustments unless drastic action is taken soon.

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Newsweek magazine's Alexandra Seno reports on Imelda Marcos in its latest issue. On what keeps her busy these days: "They say the East and West will never meet. I have a project that will make it meet by putting a tunnel under the Pacific Ocean to the China Sea. We have a vision. It has been my project since I was First Lady."

On FPJ's candidacy: "He is my godson. I always tell my friends that in a dark, dark night, we need a star. We need a star."

Mrs. Marcos is currently working on her autobiography and was recently the subject of a documentary at last year's Sundance Film Festival in Utah, USA, featuring-her shoes! On this subject she said, "In a way they (her shoes) saved me. Because when they went through my closets looking for skeletons, all they found were shoes."

Blurring the lines

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

"WALLFLOWERS at an orgy" is how Nora Ephron once famously described members of the media, back in the time when she was writing a column and not yet writing and directing movies.

Assigned to write a column on the media, Ephron said she eventually gave it up when media people became too full of themselves, becoming the news rather than reporting it, and she wasn't about to abet this development.

The news media as the news, the news media's evolution into infotainment if not pure entertainment—these were some of the major concerns aired during "Media Nation," the first Summit of the Philippine News Media that wrapped up yesterday.

Media's power to inform and educate, shape and create the national agenda has become cause for scrutiny, if not concern.

The question posed to the participants was not just how the media can do a better job, but what exactly that job might be.

Are the media merely "transacting" with the market, discerning what consumers want and throwing it back at them? Or are the media meant to "transform" its environment, seeking to use its power to effect social change and foster development?

Put simply, should the media give their consumers what they want, or what they need?

In the small group sessions I took part in, the prospect of media's taking on a "transformational" role was resisted. The wallflower, after all, is there to watch and report, and not to take part in what's going on. There was a consensus that simply by doing "good, basic journalism," the news media already somehow transforms society, although it was still a matter of speculation whether this was for better or worse.

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THE "MARI-MARIZATION" of the media is how one prominent practitioner described the encroachment of entertainment into news. These days, people expect to be entertained by the news, particularly TV news, which must now offer—aside from reports and footage on significant events of the day—visually exciting action (a crime victim slapping a suspect), humorous spiels and wacky features. Of course, even print media contain a similarly varied menu, but in a TV news show, because its time is so limited, even just one or two minutes devoted to "fluff" gains perhaps inordinate importance.

There was a time, after all, when news and public affairs were allowed to be boring, or staid. News and public affairs shows' talents, reporters and producers were allowed to do their job as professionally and thoroughly as they could, without worrying about ratings or audience share. The thinking was that, in exchange for being allowed to make tons of money from advertising for its entertainment content, broadcast networks, which depend on a government franchise over its frequency, would provide a public service with its news and public affairs shows.

But these days, with the battle for ratings spilling over into news and public affairs, this arena has become vulnerable to the demand to cater to the popular, the trendy, the sensational and the flighty—all of which spell ratings.

But it seems that these days, even as information morphs into infotainment, the management of broadcast networks are only too willing to blur even more the once-firm boundaries between news and entertainment.

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A RECURRING example in "Media Nation" has been the Kris Aquino-Joey Marquez imbroglio. Unfortunately, it's been used mainly to illustrate how the media have fallen down on the job, allowing traditional news values to take the back seat to crass curiosity and even possible manipulation.

There were arguments that the case of the embattled lovers had all the elements of news: prominence, conflict, proximity, even oddity (burning beds and bitten genitals).

But while some coverage was understandable, some participants pointed out that the inordinate amount of attention paid to the story resulted in having another, more significant, more prominent story pushed out of the news agenda and therefore the nation's attention.

This was the Jose Pidal controversy. While it was already an "old" story at the time of Kris' tearful confession, the accusations of malfeasance at the highest levels of government had yet to receive a thorough scrutiny and hearing. Sadly, the country lost all interest in the issue even after the heat of the Kris-Joey affair had abated.

Was the public interest served by such a turn of events? And was the media complicit in the use of such a "weapon of mass distraction"? The answer, sadly, is no to the first and yes to the second.

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ANOTHER disturbing development, which was not brought up at "Media Nation," but which to me blurs even more the line between news and entertainment, is the "double roles" played by news anchors of the biggest networks.

Right now, Korina Sanchez of ABS-CBN, who anchors the early-evening news and hosts a morning radio talk show, is also the co-host (with Kris Aquino as it turns out) of a morning variety talk show where the guests are mostly from show biz.

On the "other" network, Mel Tiangco, anchor of GMA-7's early evening news, also doubles as host of "Magpakailanman," a weekly show that dramatizes true-to-life stories.

Some observers have commended the women's taking on hosting duties that have "softened" their images, making them seem more "human" and accessible to their audience. But should news anchors be as warm and cuddly as sitcom actors? Is not their credibility—and worse, the credibility of the news they report—strained when they wade into the world of entertainment?

Yet another blurring of the lines, and one initiated by media owners and imposed on the public.

Killing time

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

MY daughter, Kara, who covers prisoners on death row for the TV network, GMA-7, anxiously sat in the van that was taking her to the New Bilibid Prisons. In a few minutes, prison officials were to raffle the media slots for the Jan. 30 executions. But there she was, hopelessly strapped to a seat, in the middle of traffic, killing time. An early morning accident held vehicles at a standstill on the South Luzon Expressway. Her bosses would be furious if the network did not win a seat in the viewing room of the lethal injection chamber.

As fate would have it, she didn't make it to the raffle. Relatives of the convicts, Roberto Lara and Roderick Licayan, had wanted her so much to sit with them during the execution. They had noted the quiet compassion of her reports and offered to bring her in as a member of the family. She herself had taken an instant liking to these unschooled peasants who had run out of tears pleading for the lives of their loved ones. She was frantic when she found she had missed the raffle, but something else in her mysteriously rejoiced.

Later that evening, I told her she was lucky to have been spared from a potentially brutalizing experience whose long-term effects on her sensibility as a journalist would be hard to predict. The main reason, I said, executions began to be withdrawn from the public square and conducted in the privacy of the death chamber was not so much to preserve the dignity of the condemned as to protect the humanity of the public. I don't know why you should jostle for a seat in that room, I said. It is never a privilege nor can it be an agreeable experience for a normal person to watch the meticulous killing of another human being.

Yet over the years, advocates of capital punishment have tried to make the deed acceptable by making it more humane, more quick, and painless. This misplaced concern has only fueled the search for more efficient killing contraptions; it hasn't made judicial executions less violent or more moral.

For a long time, the death penalty was synonymous with the electric chair. Electricity was the epitome of technological progress at the turn of the 20th century. It was logical that the quest for technological sophistication in executing condemned persons would stumble upon electricity as an efficient and humane means of carrying out the capital punishment. It was the famous inventor, Thomas Alva Edison, the developer of the DC or direct current system, who aggressively espoused the use of electricity as a modern means of executing people. This is a fascinating story of how science and technology is implicated in social policy debates, and how nations still their moral doubts by reducing them to technological problems.

A wonderful little book written by Richard Moran, a professor of sociology in a small American college, carefully documents the hidden forces that led to the invention of the electric chair. The thesis of "Executioner's Current" (2002) is that back in the late 1880s, Edison tried to discredit his rival in the growing electric power industry, George Westinghouse, by depicting the latter's product, AC or alternating current, as a dangerous form of electricity to have around the house. He wanted AC to be known as the "executioner's current" by pairing it with the electric chair. The result: the AC-powered electric chair became the executioner's choice almost everywhere in America, but it did not prevent AC from also becoming the current of choice throughout the modern world.

Civilized nations that imagined themselves humane by using the electric chair to carry out the death penalty later gave up this killing machine in favor of the lethal injection. In truth, the use of poison to stop human life is as old as Socrates. What has made it more palatable as today's favorite method of execution is its guarantee of swiftness and painlessness. The gore that sometimes accompanied death by the electric chair is supposed to have been completely eliminated in lethal injection.

In fact, nothing could be farther from the truth, says Moran, who was moved to write his book after witnessing the execution of a man in Texas by lethal injection. The gore is gone, he writes, but the horror remains. "I had expected to observe the execution, but did not expect to be observed. The condemned man looked right at me. Only a few feet separated us. I was afraid he would try to touch me.... I was ashamed—ashamed for being there and afraid that he would ask something of me. I was an intruder, the only member of the public who had intruded on this private moment of anguish. In my face, he could see the horror of his own death.... Turning toward us, he said, 'I hope that one day we can look back on the evil that we are doing right now like we do the witches when they were burned at the stake.'"

A split Supreme Court vote recently gave Lara and Licayan a one-month reprieve so their cases can be looked into more closely. Perhaps the venerable justices can begin by asking how it is possible for these unsophisticated *promdis* to have played more than a marginal role in the daring city abduction of their Chinese-Filipino victims. No one has been able to identify or capture the masterminds, the ones who had the cunning and organization to carry out a methodical crime. It is not difficult to imagine that the two condemned young men had absolutely no idea who they were. Must the knife of a faulty police system be allowed to carve its pound of flesh from their bodies?

I hope that one day we can all look back on the barbarity of what we are doing.

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Blessings

COMMENTARY

Raul J. Palabrica

AS the May 10 elections near, the air is slowly being filled with black propaganda and political mudslinging. When the official campaign period for national positions starts on Feb. 10, expect the media to go full blast with advertisements and programs aimed at influencing the voters' choices for president, vice president and senators.

Many of the country's business tycoons have made arrangements to go abroad before the campaign fever heats up and return at the end of the election period. Aside from making themselves conveniently unavailable to the funds solicitors of the candidates, they want to get away from the cacophony of discordant political sounds.

For lesser mortals like us who do not have the means to seek temporary relief elsewhere, we have no choice but sit tight and bear the frustrations and inconveniences that normally accompany an exercise that is considered essential to a democratic system of government.

Listening to the accusations and counter-accusations of the candidates, one gets the impression that there is nothing we can be proud of or optimistic about our country. Or that none of the aspirants for public office is fit or qualified to be elected.

Some voters even think there is no point in going through this expensive (in terms of money and human lives) once-every-three-years event because the same kind of rascals and bums are elected anyway. The members of political dynasties simply take turns controlling the country's political structure.

Struggle

While many of us have taken the elections for granted, the people of other countries, in particular, those in East Asia and the former Soviet Union, have to struggle and put their lives at risk to enjoy the right to choose their officials.

It's true our electoral system leaves much to be desired. Poor but deserving candidates find difficulty in getting themselves elected to public office. But through the years, adjustments in the voting process have been made to somehow level the playing field.

The party-list system has made it possible for "politically marginalized" sectors of our society to have their representatives seated at the House of Representatives. Without this scheme, it is doubtful if the likes of Satur Ocampo and Crispin Beltran, or any of the so-called leftists, would have had the chance to bring their fight for social justice right into the halls of Congress.

The barangay elections have made it possible for the citizens to elect the men and women who shall attend to the administration of the community's basic services. Though limited in authority, this form of representation has encouraged wider citizen participation in grassroots democracy.

Until a better method for determining the people's choice for their leaders is developed, the ballot box remains the most credible way of meeting that objective. The implementation of our election laws may not be perfect, but at least we have the consolation of having thousands of civic-minded citizens who voluntarily take on the task of minimizing the commission of electoral fraud.

Those who were already of age during the martial law years know how it feels not to be able to exercise the right of suffrage and be forced to accept the governance of people who do not enjoy their mandate. For all its infirmities, there is much to be thankful for the once-every-three-years opportunity to elect our leaders.

Bird flu

While our country gears up for the national elections, 10 Asian countries have their hands full battling the bird flu epidemic. The disease outbreak has resulted in the slaughter of millions of chicken and the death, so far, of 10 people. The casualty list is expected to rise as the preventive measures taken do not seem to work.

To date, knock on wood, the bird flu virus has not contaminated our poultry farms. It has worked to our advantage that the Philippines is geographically separated from those countries. The Pacific Ocean and Philippine Sea have proven to be effective barriers to the entry of the deadly virus into our shores.

In contrast, most of the countries hit by the epidemic are contiguous to each other; the land mass connection has allowed the easy transmission of the virus among their chicken farms.

It also helps that the government immediately banned the importation of chicken from the affected countries when word got around that the epidemic was far worse than what it was initially thought to be and projected in the international community.

So we continue to eat chicken with little fear, if at all, that our health or lives may be put in danger while enjoying one of life's pleasures. Many may grumble about the high cost of chicken, but has any consumer expressed satisfaction with the price of commodities? The availability of poultry in the market stalls is, at the very least, something to be thankful for.

SARS threat

And let's not forget the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) that made life miserable for the people of Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan last year and is threatening to rear its ugly head again in the region.

A climate of fear swept our country when some overseas Filipino workers who returned to the country were reported to have succumbed to the incurable illness. The situation was so scary that the Philippines had to convene a meeting of the top health officials of the infected countries to map out a concerted plan of action to halt the spread of the deadly virus.

On the upside, the health concern prompted the local communities to clean their premises to prevent the virus from making headway in their areas. Except for some minor sniping from publicity-hungry politicians, the fight against SARS was a coordinated effort by the citizenry and government.

Although some Filipinos fell victim to the virus, the death toll was nowhere near those suffered by other countries. The disease was effectively contained. The successful efforts won praises from the World Health Organization and other international health agencies.

The SARS threat is not yet over. But with the lessons learned from last year's experience, there is reason to be optimistic that we shall be able to handle it if it decides to make an unwelcome comeback.

In the midst of our problems, sometimes we forget our blessings.

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Why remember the CPP purges?

"CANNIBAL revolution," the INQUIRER editorial on Jan. 2, elicited a sharp response from the Communist Party of the Philippines.

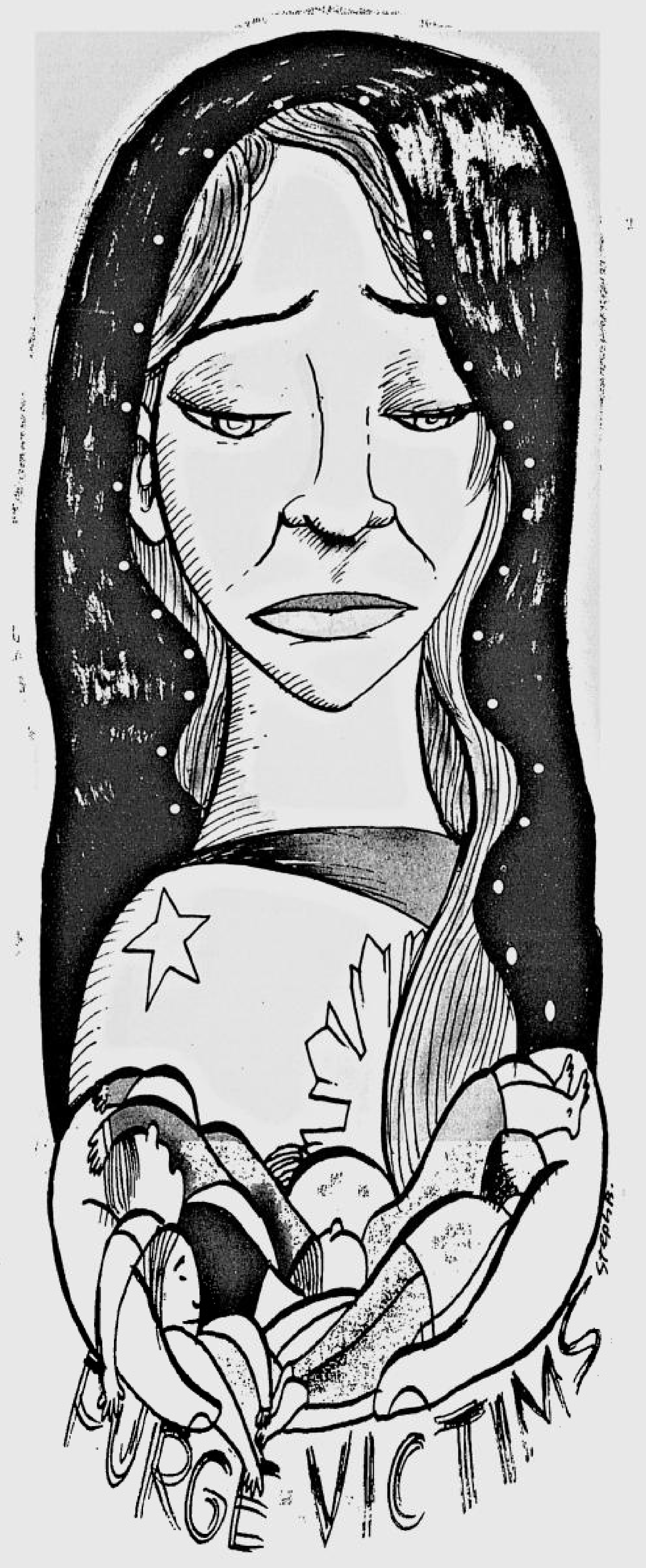
The editorial took off from the INQUIRER's five-part series on the CPP anti-infiltration campaigns against suspected government agents in the 1980s.

The campaigns that included "Cadena de Amor" in the Quezon-Bicol Zone (1982), "Takip Silim" in Southern Quezon (1985), "Ahos" in Mindanao (1985-86), "Operation Missing Link" in Southern Tagalog (1988), and "Olympia" in Metro Manila (1988-89) left hundreds of party members and supporters dead. The CPP later hailed the victims as "martyrs of the revolution."

In the interest of fair play, this section is running the CPP statement, which it first submitted to the letter-to-the-editor section the day after the INQUIRER editorial came out.

The statement, even in its abbreviated form, could not be accommodated in the letter-to-the-editor section because of its length. The CPP information bureau submitted the shorter version three weeks after the INQUIRER made a request that it be reduced to almost half the statement's original length.

This section is also running the response of the Peace Advocates for Truth, Justice and Healing (PATH) to the series and related new stories on the CPP purges. Like the CPP statement, this could not be accommodated in the letter-to-the-editor section because of its length. PATH is a group composed of survivors, families, relatives and friends of the victims of the CPP purges.



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The Party has condemned the abuses

By Anne Buenaventura

To say the least, we are disappointed at how the INQUIRER Jan. 2 editorial titled "Cannibal revolution" unfairly treated the facts and issues regarding the anti-infiltration campaigns carried out by some errant leaders and members of Communist Party of the Philippines during the 1980s.

We take strong exception to the statement that the CPP has responded to the issue only "with silence or denial" and that it "has not come up with anything remotely scientific to explain the bloody purges." Such comments totally ignore the fact that the CPP has issued several documents and statements since the early 1990s stating in no uncertain terms the Party's strong condemnation of these errors as violations of Party and revolutionary principles and regulations.

These and other pertinent materials are publicly available at www.philippinerevolution.org. In fact, on Jan.1, the INQUIRER website published a news report about the CPP's statement on the matter.

Criticism, self-criticism

For more than 10 years now, the CPP has made it clearly known that it has carried out comprehensive measures to rectify the errors and abuses committed in this tragedy. It has taken great pains to carry out criticism and self-criticism. It has reached out and made amends to as many of the victims and their loved ones as possible. It has meted out appropriate disciplinary action and reeducated those responsible for the errors. Those responsible for the worst crimes and abuses were expelled from the Party.

It has exhaustively studied the phenomenon to root out the causes, draw valuable lessons and reaffirm and reinstitute the correct policies and processes to prevent any repetition in the future.

INQUIRER's five-part series (Dec. 26-30, 2003) missed out on some important facts while others where presented unobjectively. Yet, one can still cull a generally fair reading of the facts, history, context and turn of events. The series detailed the decisive positive actions which the CPP leadership and organization undertook to stop and correct the grave aberrations and abuses. Earnest readers would have been able to see and conclude for themselves that the erroneous campaigns could not have been intrinsic to the revolutionary movement and to the communist ideology and practice.

Preconceived notions

Unfortunately, the INQUIRER's Jan. 2 editorial seems not to have been based on an earnest reading of its own paper. That editorial preferred to base itself on preconceived notions as well as untruths, irrelevancies, half-truths and distortions of facts, which would not pass even the most elementary standards of objective journalism. It criticized determinism yet committed the same sin when it claims that "revolutions devour their own children," that the "communist revolution ... seems to breed the utter nightmare of paranoia" and that "purges and executions are a way of life" in the CPP.

From its determinist and anti-communist bias, the editorial proceeded with its baseless attack on the CPP. The poverty of the INQUIRER's editorial is clearly reflected in its having chosen to condemn the CPP for acts which the CPP itself has repeatedly condemned in the strongest and no uncertain terms.

The CPP has made public its condemnation and rectification of the errors committed during the erroneous anti-infiltration drives of the 1980s. Its self-critical attitude, openness and zest in correcting mistakes, in fact, strengthen the Party's unity and raise its prestige among the revolutionary forces and masses. In fact, majority of the victims decided to continue their work in the Party and serve the people precisely because of the CPP's humility and sincerity at rectification.

Civil rights

Clear criticism of OPML, Kampanyang Ahos and other erroneous anti-DPA campaigns were explicitly covered, reviewed and severely criticized by the CPP Central Committee document "Rectify Errors and Reaffirm our Basic Principles" (1992). In the same 1992 plenum, the Central Committee reaffirmed basic civil rights and due processes guaranteed in the CPP constitution, the NPA's rules and the provisions of the people's democratic government.

In its conclusion, the INQUIRER editorial issued a call for the CPP to submit itself to an investigation of possible human rights abuses. If this were the whole point of the INQUIRER editorial, then it need not have to go through such anti-CPP diatribes.

Humanitarian law

As a matter of fact, the CPP has long since been pushing for the implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL), jointly signed by the National Democratic Front and the Philippine government in 1998, and the setting up of the Joint Monitoring Committee required by the agreement to oversee its implementation, accept complaints and investigate cases of alleged violations. Since the signing of CAHRIHL, the CPP, through the NDF has sought its implementation.

Despite the government's refusal to implement the CARHRIHL, the CPP, the NPA, the NDF and their forces have actively disseminated the CARHRIHL document, conducted thorough study and education of its content among their ranks and mass base. Guidelines have been issued for its strict implementation.

NPA fighters are specifically required to adhere to the basic principles of respecting and protecting the rights and welfare of civilians as well as the rights of enemy combatants and *hors de combat*.

If all this is not the very opposite of what the INQUIRER editorial calls "Leftist fascism," we don't know what is. Nothing of the sort or even approximating such earnestness and efforts at ensuring the respect of human rights has ever been made by the Philippine government, much less its armed forces.

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We should not stop remembering and reminding

By Robert Francis Garcia, Lan Mercado and Daisy Valerio

The crimes of Hitler, Stalin and Pol Pot continue to haunt them so many decades after. Martial Law victims continue to cry for redress and remembering. Why spare the bloody anti-infiltration campaigns of the CPP-NPA?

The Philippine Daily Inquirer's comprehensive and factual reportage on the Communist Party of the Philippines' anti-infiltration campaigns have again brought this complicated issue back to the fore. It also elicited statements from various quarters that need to be further addressed.

On Sison's pronouncements ("Sison on Purges: Law of contradiction operates everywhere," PDI, Dec. 28, A4): The founding CPP chair's replies to the INQUIRER's questions do not adequately address the facts as illustrated in the series. Simply attributing the carnage to certain "bad elements" within the CPP and praising the Party for its "rectification" do not make for a full explanation or accounting of the carnage. Most of the victims have yet to be identified and their families have yet to be informed of what happened to their kin.

The CPP-NPA through the NDF, in the CARHRIHL among others, has agreed to adhere to and be bound by the principles and standards of international humanitarian law and those embodied in international instruments on human rights. These include the right of families to know (as stipulated in Article 32 of the Protocol I of the Geneva Conventions which the NDF unilaterally declared to apply; and the UN Set of Principles for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights through Action to Combat Impunity). Until and unless the CPP-NPA complies with this, it continues to be in violation of international humanitarian law and human rights.

On Ismael's proposal ("CPP body to handle closure proposed," PDI, Dec. 30. Ismael, Ex-National Council Member, NDF): Ismael's comparisons and conclusions on the Peace Advocates for Truth, Justice and Healing (PATH) are unfair and unfounded. PATH is a human rights organization composed of survivors, families, relatives and friends of victims of the CPP purges. Its mission is not to find "convenient themes against the Party." Its goals are centered on truth seeking and truth telling, recovery of remains, healing, justice, and peace building. In all these, PATH upholds the principles and practice of neutrality and impartiality, guided by deliberative democracy among its members.

The CPP's official cooperation in the multifarious tasks related to the anti-infiltration campaigns is important, though Ismael's proposal that the Party be the one to create a body to handle redress and closure is unacceptable because its culpability remains a core issue. It is like asking the Armed Forces of the Philippines to form a body to investigate military atrocities.

On the other hand, it is also clear that there are perpetrators who belong to newly constituted ideological parties and political formations. The anti-infiltration campaigns happened in the 1980s, when the Party was still a solid, monolithic bloc. Thus, accountability runs high among various camps—from the CPP itself and from various groups now labeled "Rejectionist."

What is thus needed is the creation of an all-inclusive Truth Commission that would expansively investigate violations committed by all protagonists in this ongoing war. This process could provide concrete lessons from the past and promote a culture of peace and respect for human rights and dignity.

On President Macapagal-Arroyo's offer ("GMA offers aid to purge victims," PDI, Dec. 31, front page): Much as the involvement of the CPP and other accountable left groups is crucial, government has a stake as well—being the other protagonist in this whole conflict. On the part of PATH, it shall accept assistance from any national and international institutions if these are unconditional and so long as they do not prejudice PATH's integrity, neutrality and impartiality.

Especially as government assumes its non-permanent seat in the UN Security Council, it should look into its own accountability regarding the purges as UN treaties, other international legal instruments and authorities indicate various levels of state responsibility, including for acts committed by private persons and armed opposition groups within its jurisdiction. More importantly, it should look into its own human rights record and see that, in this war, atrocities were committed by both sides.

The government and the CPP-NPA-NDF should follow through on their human rights-international humanitarian law agreement and agenda in the peace negotiations, possibly even supplementing the same to specifically address the matter of the anti-infiltration campaigns.

During PATH's formal launch on Aug. 29, 2003, its members realized the difficulty of the tasks ahead, especially for an issue that has suffered years of neglect and silence. The issue is far from closed, contrary to what the CPP claims.

Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it, said Aristotle, echoed by Santayana, repeated by Bishop Tutu, invoked by millions of sufferers and healers the world over. It is a refrain that never loses its relevance. Filipinos should take this lesson to heart, and should never stop remembering. And reminding.

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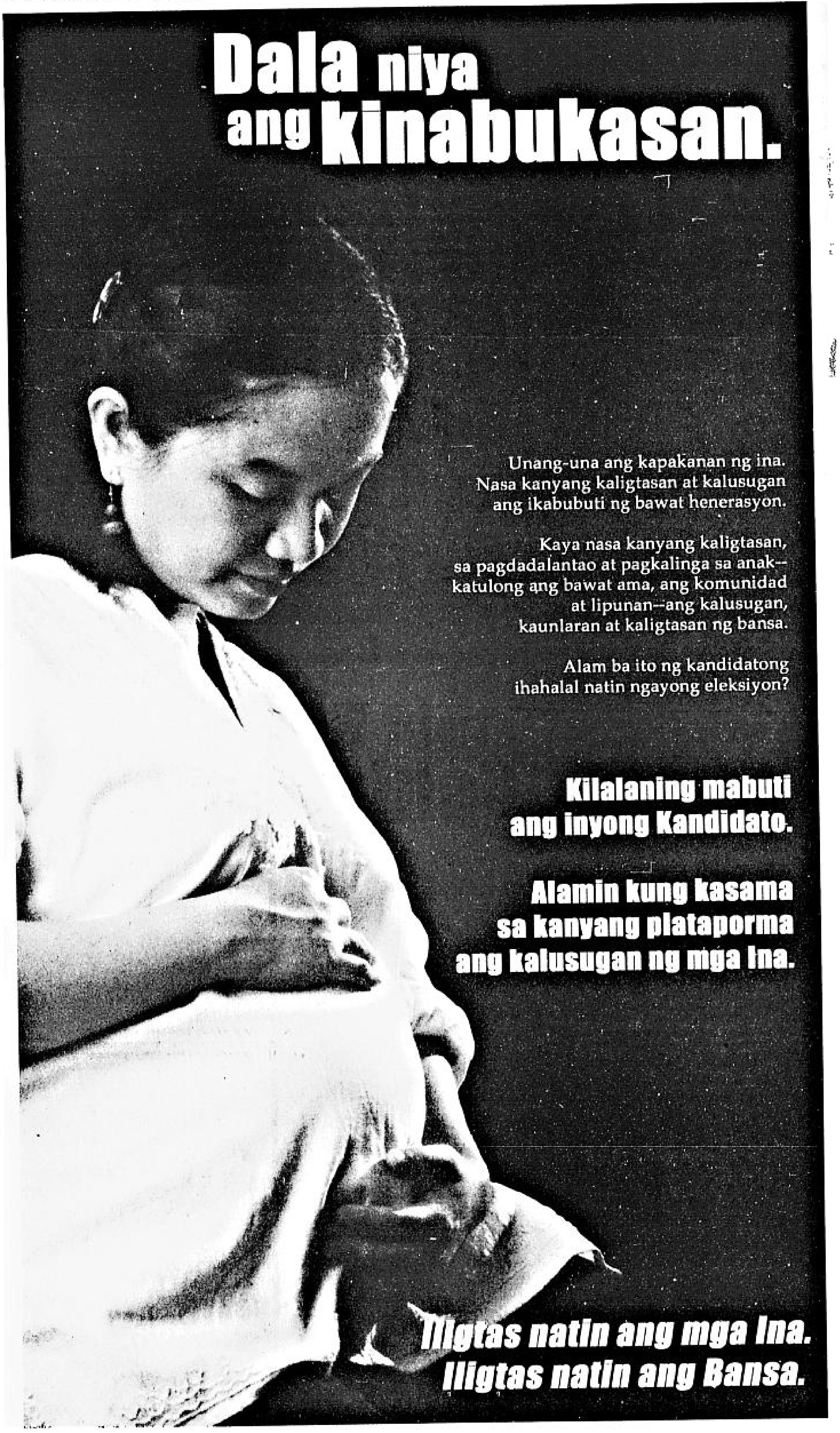
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Unang-una ang kapakanan ng ina.
Nasa kanyang kaligtasan at kalusugan
ang ikabubuti ng bawat henerasyon.

Kaya nasa kanyang kaligtasan,
sa pagdadalantao at pagkalinga sa anak--
katulong ang bawat ama, ang komunidad
at lipunan--ang kalusugan,
kaunlaran at kaligtasan ng bansa.

Alam ba ito ng kandidatong
ihahalal natin ngayong eleksiyon?

Kilalaning mabuti
ang inyong Kandidato.
Alamin kung kasama
sa kanyang plataporma
ang kalusugan ng mga Ina.
Iligtas natin ang mga Ina.
Iligtas natin ang Bansa.

UPHOLD A LIFE OF QUALITY AND DEFEND OUR FREEDOM TO CHOOSE.

Democracy, they say, is majority rule. But in the Philippines, issues that matter to the majority are often muted in the national development agenda to appease religious impositions.

Family planning is one such issue. Although nine out of ten Filipinos believe it is important to have the ability to control one's fertility or plan one's family, family planning itself is not comprehensively taken as a poverty-reduction strategy. Instead of listening to the public, policymakers had instead listened to the ghosts of a social institution that has ever since been blotted out in the sphere of policymaking.

But again, on Dec. 13, 2003, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines unleashed one of its phenomenal phantoms by threatening legislators who would vote for the passage of the Reproductive Health Care Act (HB 4110 and SB 2325) of an electoral backlash.

Fortunately, however, the people know what they want. Nationwide surveys conducted by the Social Weather Station (1991) and Pulse Asia (2000) have already attested to the public clamor for family planning:

- **Nearly eight out of ten Filipinos favor electoral candidates who would promote free choice of family planning methods by couples; and**
- **Political officials who are perceived to have an anti-family planning stand run a great risk of NOT being re-elected to their posts.**

It is not hard to explain why Filipinos would not let religious bias become relevant come election time.

We know that large poor families have a hard time breaking out of poverty. Their children face the risk of being malnourished and unschooled. Their mental, physical, and social development may also be stunted.

With the current population of 81 million and an unemployment rate of 11%, 28.4 percent of Filipino families can not meet their food and non-food needs. Even worse, 13.1 percent of Filipino families can not even earn P107.31 per day – the amount stated by the government as necessary for a family of five to meet their nutritional needs.

At present, the government's concessions with the Catholic Church have already stripped many Filipino families of the chance to improve their condition through a policy that holds up information and limits resources to natural family planning only.

Reproductive health care advocates have persistently wrestled with several of the irreverent tactics employed by the Catholic hierarchy. The proposed Reproductive Health Care Act has been maliciously referred to as an "abortion bill," and its authors labeled "anti-life," "anti-family," and "ultrafeminists."

We have refuted these allegations before, and we will continue to do so for they have no basis in truth. We maintain that the Reproductive Health Care Act is about providing a life of quality for our children by empowering couples to have control over their fertility and health.

Threatening legislators to make a decision that goes against an expressed need violates our universal rights that are fully recognized by the United Nations. Political blackmailing and influence-peddling are the most undemocratic, anti-people, anti-family, and anti-life tactics.

Let us work together to take Filipinos out of the misery of poor health and poverty. Let us have a comprehensive policy on Reproductive Health Care to save our mothers and children. Let us make democracy work now.

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THE "CRYING little lady" who pursued a dream bigger than those of people a lot older than her. PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

'Crying little girl' pursues dream for kids

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
Kidapawan City

THE MOMENT the security guard closed the door and refused her entry to the governor's office, Nina Di Nuesca felt the world collapse on her.

Her eyes were drenched with tears as she thought that her simple dream for the little children of her town has found its dead end.

With a solicitation letter in hand, disappointed and with a heavy heart, the 13-year-old girl headed for the stairs down from the second floor of the governor's office.

In her letter, the girl signified her need for at least P30,000 for the restoration of the municipal playground in her hometown, Pikit, site of last year's war between guerrillas of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and government soldiers.

No solicitation

"I asked the guard if I could speak with the governor. I showed him the letter and he read it and immediately he told me that solicitation was not allowed at the governor's office. He even showed me the large sign posted on the wall that says it was indeed prohibited to solicit," Nuesca said.

Nuesca, a daughter of a dentist and a public high school teacher, knew how the children of Pikit needed the playground.

The last time she saw some children enjoy their stay in the playground, which is located just outside the municipal hall, was when she was still half-way finishing her elementary studies in the same town.

Now a freshman student under the science curriculum of the University Laboratory School (ULS) of the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) in Kabacan, North Cotabato, Nuesca originally wished for a little more difficult project for the children.

"I really wanted a library for them," she said as there is no public library where the children, both studying and those out of school, could learn more.

Nuesca started wishing and dreaming on behalf of the children of Pikit when she realized they needed more from the aftermath of the war than just being scared of bullets and bombs.

Recently, while applying for the Chief Girls Scout Medal Scheme, she found the opportunity to actually make that dream come true.

Discouraged

But because the library would require her to be more persistent in looking for donors, her immediate scoutmaster discouraged her from pushing for it.

She moved on to another dream, this time the restoration of the playground.

But her noble intention for a children's playground for the children of Pikit went on the edge of impossibility when the guard at the office of North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol shut the door to her.

"I was really disappointed and I could not think of nothing (else to do) but to cry," she said.

But while she was heading for the stairs, she saw the governor walking up to his office.

"Upon seeing him, I did not allow the opportunity to pass just like that. I dared to approach him and told him about my intention," she said.

"Then the governor led me inside his office and there I knew that he was about to give me what I wanted," she said.

Since then, the governor called her the "crying little lady."

Playground

For some people, her dream for the playground is just simple. But for her, it could mean something for the children who have been snatched of their right to play and enjoy childhood by many circumstances like war.

As a starter, Nuesca will paint the benches in the plaza in the hope that the colors will be enough reason for the children to come out again even if the playing tools have yet to be repaired or replaced.

The same plaza is a site of various relocations for many Muslim civilians each time war breaks out in the town. Nuesca said she saw how the plaza became a place of misery where children's cries, instead of laughter, could be heard.

"Children have become the weakest victims of the war and war makes their lives really miserable. I know that if left unattended, they, too, can become violent themselves," she said.

The restoration of the plaza, she said, is one good way for the children, both Christians and Muslims, to forget the pains and the ugly face of the war.

"The park can be a vital factor in their growing up. But while I feel pity for them, I have to do something to at least address a basic need, a right, of these children," she said.

"I think my project will make them very happy because now they have a place to play which is safe and that they can surely enjoy," she added.

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DENR to probe officials in cahoots with illegal loggers in Kudarat town

COTABATO CITY—The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is investigating the alleged involvement of some of its officials in illegal logging in Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat.

In a press statement, Jim Sampulna, DENR director for Central Mindanao, said there was an ongoing "administrative proceedings to warrant the filing of charges against the perpetrators for violation of PD 705," the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines.

Sampulna, however, withheld the identities of the officials pending the filing of formal charges, based on the findings of a DENR investigating team he had dispatched on Jan. 7 to conduct the investigation.

But sources at the DENR regional office in Koronadal City said the investigation covered the jurisdiction of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources office in Sultan Kudarat and at least two district officers.

The source, requesting anonymity, said one of the district officers has been closely identified with former Environment Secretary Antonio Cerilles, a known ally of deposed President Joseph Estrada.

Still, other sources said the illegal logging operations consisted of smuggling out of cut lumbers outside to as far as Manila through the Maguindanao and Batangas ports.

They said the operation was in large scale that the involved officials had established two dummy mechanized wood circular saws up the mountains of Palimbang.

"The proceeds from it could well finance a political campaign," the source said.

The apprehension of some 32,021 board feet of cut lumbers by a team of the DENR district office in Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat and the Philippine National Police also on Jan. 8 prompted the deployment of the investigative team, Sampulna said.

Sampulna said reports have indicated that the seized lumbers were slipped out of the Kalamansig wharf while under the custody of a policeman.

He said he would "not hesitate to apply the full force of the law should anyone from among our officials or employees be found guilty in any illegal act, such as being in cahoots with illegal loggers," his statement said. *Nash B. Maulana, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

WOMAN POWER TOOTS SOBERANO/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

Women try to wrest political power in Baguio City through the city council. Six women candidates form a team they called Women Alliance. The candidates are (from left) Nonet Bennett, Misa Joy Cawed, Virginia Lim, Perlita Chan Rondez, Michelle Ann Labo and Maria Catherine Torres.

Water lack endangers farmers' planting season

CITY OF MALOLOS—Officials of the Department of Agriculture in Bulacan have asked farmers not to plant palay in the next planting season to avoid losses due to the looming irrigation water shortage aggravated by the decreasing water level at the Angat Dam.

Gigi Carillo, DA officer in Bulacan, said they are asking farmers to avoid planting palay at this time to help them save capital due to expected losses.

The planting season in the province starts in February, between May and June and September.

Carillo said reports from the National Irrigation Administration showed that irrigation water shortage is expected at the end of February until March, when the agency starts a gradual but continuous reduction of water supply in Bulacan's farms.

She said the water shortage is expected to reach its peak in April and May.

The irrigation water needs of the 26,000-hectare farms in Bulacan comes from Angat Dam.

Mendel Garcia, head of the Angat Dam watershed, said around 95 percent of water from Angat supplies the needs of Metro Manila and nearby areas. The remaining 5 percent of the reservoir's water, he said, is directed to the Bustos Dam to supply irrigation to farmers in Bulacan.

As of Jan. 29, the water level at the Angat reservoir was recorded at 196.66 meters. The reservoir's average level is 212 to 214 meters.

Carillo said she met with the 24 city and municipal agriculture officers of Bulacan and discussed alternative ways to help farmers protect their investments amid the water shortage.

Carillo said they also asked farmers, particularly late planters, to reduce their planting areas by 30 percent to minimize losses.

"This process would cut the capital invested by farmers and their need for (irrigation) water," she said.

She also asked local agriculture officers to meet with farmers to identify alternative crops that do not require too much water.

She said areas that would not be planted with palay could be planted with vegetables and other crops like corn and peanuts.

"We know that these farmers got their capital through loans from banks and cooperatives and they will suffer ... if they were able to plant more in the middle of this water shortage," she said. *Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

7 cities, 26 towns in Visayas tagged 'hot spots'

ILOILO CITY—At least seven cities and 26 towns in Western and Eastern Visayas have been identified by the Philippine National Police as areas of concern (AOCs), or hotspots, in the May elections.

In Western Visayas, Iloilo province has the most AOCs with 12. These are Iloilo City and the towns of Alimodian, Anilao, Duenas, Igbaras, Lambunao, Lemery, Maasin, San Dionisio, San Enrique, San Joaquin and Sara.

Negros Occidental has five—the towns of Calatrava and Moises Padilla, and the cities of Cadiz, Sagay and Silay.

The towns of Bugasong, Culasi, Valderama and Sebaste in Antique were also listed as AOCs. In Capiz, the PNP categorized Roxas City and the towns of Dumarao and Cuartero as AOCs.

In Eastern Visayas, the cities of Calbayog in Samar and Ormoc in Leyte were classified as potential flash points, along with the Leyte towns of Merida, Palompon, Albuera and Isabel; and the Samar towns of Gandara, Sta. Margarita and Pagsanjan.

A locality is considered an AOC if it has a history of election-related violence, presence of rebels and the existence of intense political rivalry.

Law enforcers, who have been deputized by the Commission on Elections since the start of the election period, will keep a tight watch on these areas during the election period.

Lawyer Victor Gaborne, Western Visayas regional Comelec supervisor, said the initial list drawn by the PNP would be revalidated and could change as the election nears.

He said the initial list would serve as a "warning" to armed groups especially those controlled by politicians that they are being monitored.

Adolfo Ibañez, the Comelec director in Eastern Visayas, said he would call Chief Supt. Dionisio Coloma Jr., the region's police director, and Maj. Gen. Glen Rabonza, commanding general of the 8th Infantry Division based in Camp Maulong, Catbalogan, Samar, to a meeting on the conduct of the elections.

During the 2001 elections, Samar was placed under the control of the Comelec due to fierce rivalry that left 19 people dead in election-related violence.

Coloma said the number of AOCs in Eastern Visayas would likely increase as election nears. *Nestor Burgos Jr.and Joey Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Bulacan official says budget open to scrutiny

AN OFFICIAL of the Bulacan provincial government said the province's budget and financial records are available to the public anytime and can be scrutinized to remove doubts that the people's money were being spent illegally.

Ma. Cecilia Yacob, provincial public affairs officer, issued the statement on Thursday after the Movement for Responsible Enterprise (More) claimed that the Bulacan government's "questionably creative" budget allocation in 2003 triggered the alleged misuse of the province's Special Education Fund (SEF).

Yacob said the Bulacan government "believes in the principles of transparency and honesty" and was issuing the statement "to shed light to allegations being raised by some misguided groups who probably have no idea how a particular budget is being created."

"No single allocation is approved by mere recommendation and these funds push the programs and projects ... for development," Yacob said.

More, in a statement, said it discovered that Bulacan Gov. Josefina de la Cruz spent more than P96.3 million for her "personal staff" last year, which was more than the P72.6 million she spent in 2002.

The group also assailed the budget increase allocated to the staff of Vice Gov. Aurelio Plamenco. It said Plamenco "(spent) for his staff P10.1 million more than 2002's P14.9-million allotment." *PDI Central Luzon Desk*

3 US military officials in Zambo for 'information'

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Three US military officials arrived here yesterday morning to review their mission in Mindanao and enhance the country's existing bilateral security assistance agreement with the United States, according to a Southern Command official.

Lt. Col. Renoir Pascua, Southern Command spokesperson, said the US team was led by Brig. Gen. John Allen, the principal director of the Asia Pacific Affairs. He was accompanied by Lt. Col. Charles Comer and Major Don Bridgers, both of the United States Army.

Allen is also the US' assistant secretary of defense for the Philippine desk.

They were also joined by American trainers from the Joint Operation Special Task Force Philippines (JOSTFP), Maj. John Deedrick and Navy Commander Tom Gerstner.

Maj. Robert Garza, the liaison officer of the JOSTFP, told the INQUIRER that Allen's visit was more "informational" than anything.

"He wants to get information about the Philippine situation," Garza said.

Garza refused to elaborate on Pascua's earlier statement that the US military officials were here to review their mission in Mindanao and enhance bilateral agreements between the Philippines and the United States.

"I can't elaborate on that, other than he is today receiving a briefing from Southern Command officials," Garza said.

He said Allen and his team will be flying to Jolo, Sulu to assess the state of the Sulu Provincial Hospital.

Retired Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina, who was among those who briefed Allen's team, said the visit had nothing to do with the reported holding of another Balikatan exercise in Mindanao.

US soldiers and officers had been to Mindanao to hold training exercises for Filipino troops following President Macapagal-Arroyo's total support for the US war on terrorism. *Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

LAND DISTRIBUTION PHOTO FROM FRESNEDI OFFICE

Palace spokesperson Ignacio Bunye, former congressman of Muntinlupa City, shows off one of 208 titles to land in the outskirts of Muntinlupa being distributed to poor residents of the city by the city government led by Mayor Jaime Fresnedi (to Bunye's right).

Lawyers drop cadets' case against PMA

BAGUIO CITY—Lawyers of eight graduating cadets of the Philippine Military Academy, who won a temporary restraining order (TRO) against the academy for "violating their civil rights," dropped their clients last week.

Lawyer Abelardo Estrada, the cadets' chief counsel, told the INQUIRER on Thursday that his clients negotiated a "face-saving" deal with PMA without his knowledge.

The talks occurred as soon as regional trial court Judge Clarence Villanueva froze on Dec. 28 two independent PMA investigations that were looking into a cheating episode inside the century-old institution, he claimed.

Navy Lt. Bonifacio Agas, PMA spokesperson, said the eight cadets have already forwarded a notice of withdrawal to Villanueva, indicating that they were dropping their suit.

"I took on this case to raise very serious issues about civil rights inside the military, especially because it decrees whether they will graduate or not," Estrada said.

This is the first such civil rights issue raised against PMA before a civilian court, he said.

But as soon as the lawyers acquired the TRO, Estrada said some generals and colonels persuaded the cadets' relatives and parents to talk them into withdrawing the case.

"I was very disappointed so we decided to quit," he said.

PMA instructor Jennifer Lovelyn Hermano earlier accused First Class Cadets Eddyson Abanilla, Bernardo Huerte, Jerome Lozada, Eugene Mojar, Jonathan Serote, Jay Tarriela, Jimmy Oliver Vingno and Euphraim Jayson Diciano of cheating in an information management quiz last year.

But all eight sued PMA last year for preventing them access to their lawyers, when they were asked to undergo trial among their peers.

Tarriela told Villanueva in a Dec. 22 trial session that they were obliged to submit to the honor committee, which found five of them guilty.

Agas said he was not informed why the cadets changed their minds.

"The cadets are still in the academy. They have submitted to the jurisdiction of a (nine-member) battalion board, which (Maj. Gen. Edilberto Adan, PMA superintendent, created to) formally investigate a PMA instructor's charges of cheating last year," he said.

Agas said the rest of the senior cadets are undergoing their mandatory officers preparatory course, a prerequisite to their March graduation.

"(The eight cadets) were unable to undergo the same course because of the pending case, although they are still deemed innocent throughout the course of the battalion board hearings," he said. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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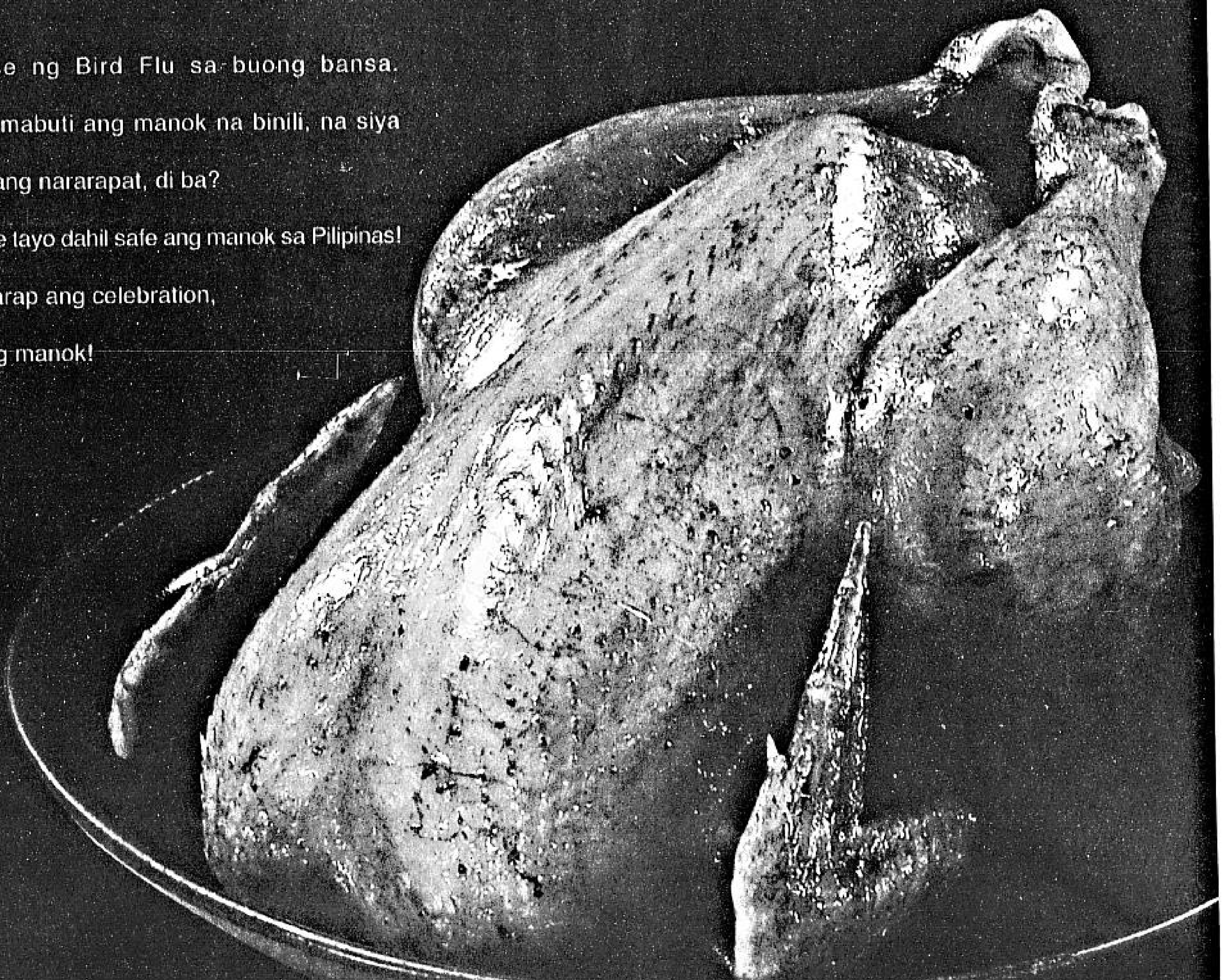

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Baseco victims get help overseas

By Leila Salaverria

VICTIMS of the devastating Jan. 12 fire at the Baseco Compound in Port Area, Manila, have received an unexpected windfall.

The thousands of families who lost their homes in the nine-hour fire got an added boost in rebuilding their lives when World Vision, an international Christian non-government organization, donated a total of $96,000 (over P5 million).

Part of the aid ($40,000), will go to the purchase of relief goods for over 3,000 families, while the rest will go to the building of core shelters for several families in chosen sites within the Baseco Compound, said Minnie Portales, World Vision Philippines' minister area coordinator.

On Thursday, the first batch of relief goods were distributed to 1,800 families at the Department of Public Works and Highways' National Capital Region compound, where most of the Baseco victims have sought shelter.

One family is entitled to a sack of relief goods that contain cooking pots, a mat, a blanket, a mosquito net and a big can of biscuits—all worth P800.

Dan Lucero, World Vision's deputy director, said the organization always sees to it that the things they donate are brand-new.

"We're not just concerned about the material aspect of it," Lucero said of their policy. "We just want to help the residents affirm their dignity by giving them brand new things."

He explained that giving the residents new things—not those that look ready for the trash bin—would boost the residents' morale when they learn that they are being treated as equals. He added that the feeling helps residents overcome their abject conditions because they do not feel demeaned.

Hours before the relief goods arrived on Thursday, the fire victims, eagerly awaiting World Vision's aid, had formed up long lines at the DPWH-NCR compound.

Most of the residents, in fact, began falling in line even before sun up. First in line at the women's queue was 66-year-old widow Filomena delos Santos, who got up at 4 a.m. and fell in line at 5 a.m., even before she could have breakfast.

By 10:30 a.m., she was on her way back to the evacuation center near the Baseco Compound where she has been staying.

Her frail body—no taller than five feet—quietly bore the three-foot sack that contained the items she would need for a household that includes seven grandchildren.

When Lola Filomena got home, she said she did not even know what was inside the sack of relief goods. Still, she said, she was happy with the gift.

"I'm happy with anything given to me," she said in Filipino. "I don't have much anymore, especially after the fire."

The mood during the distribution of aid was festive, as chatting and laughing residents eagerly took the sacks back to their shelters without even opening them up to see what's inside.

In fact, when the first ten aid recipients approached the truck where orange-clad members of World Vision were collecting the residents' claim stubs, applause and cheers erupted from those in the back of the line. The ten recipients gamely waved and smiled at their neighbors like pageant winners.

The distribution of goods went well with the help of 10 Baseco residents who volunteered to assist the World Vision members. The volunteers made sure that the lines were orderly and nobody would cut in. They also saw to it that the area around the distribution center was clear of bystanders and wandering children.

A RELIEF worker distributes aid to fire victims.

Bilibid's chief executioner has 7 'kills' and counting

TESORO

EDWIN BACASMAS

By Margaux Ortiz

THE MAN who commands the fear and respect of thousands of prisoners had never dreamed of taking up a career in penology.

Supt. Venancio Tesoro, head of the New Bilibid Prisons, said he had wanted to become a painter or a sculptor when he was young.

"But my parents frowned upon my career of choice, saying I could not support a family with that kind of profession," Tesoro, 49, told the INQUIRER inside his office at the NBP in Muntinlupa City.

He then took up psychology at Letran College, in accordance with his parents' wishes.

"And because I was into the arts, I was also interested in human behavior and how I could depict these in my illustrations," Tesoro said.

Prison psychologist

After graduating from college, Tesoro finished a master's degree in teaching at the University of the Philippines and worked as a medical representative in Bicol.

But an encounter with local insurgents and a reunion with idealistic classmates at UP convinced Tesoro to consider a career in government "to effect change in the country."

In 1977, Tesoro landed a job as psychologist at the Bureau of Corrections' Reception and Diagnostics Center, which interviews, screens and profiles incoming prisoners.

He said that the RDC psychologists' evaluations were crucial in determining the minds and capabilities of prisoners.

According to Tesoro, implementing a "no skill, no release" policy would greatly help in reintegrating the prisoner into the community, instead of letting him rot in his cell without anything to do.

Troubleshooter

In 1994, Tesoro was sent to the Davao Prison and Penal Farm to take care of problems regarding local inmates.

"The BuCor officials had been impressed with the way I handled and negotiated with troublemakers when I was still with the RDC, so whenever they encountered problems in the penal farms, I was the one they would send to troubleshoot," Tesoro said.

The superintendent was assigned to different penal farms all over the country.

In the colonies, he tried to do away with the cruel mode of punishing the prisoners.

"When I arrived at the Iwahig penal farm in 1995, I saw that many prisoners' legs were still tied to metal balls and chains, which I found to be very barbaric and uncivilized," Tesoro said.

Comic books

Soon after, he ordered the guards to remove the balls and had these thrown into the middle of the ocean.

The jovial superintendent came face to face with his first love—drawing—in 1997, when he wrote and illustrated a comic book entitled "Prisoner's Guide."

The comic strips portrayed an inmate's life before, during and after imprisonment.

Tesoro also wrote other books, including one on the laws and rules of Philippine Corrections, and another on the history of the death penalty in the Philippines.

In 1999 and 2000, Tesoro took charge of a series of executions, including the case of convicted child molester Leo Echegaray, who was put to death amid protests of zealous anti-death penalty groups.

'We have to follow orders'

"I would like to think of it this way: A doctor does what he can to save the life of a patient, while we try our best to preserve the life of a convict—except when the State orders his or her execution," Tesoro said. "We actually wait for the reprieve from those higher up, but when the State orders the execution, we have to follow orders."

"A friend from the Church called me an angel of death, which I think is unfair because everything was mere coincidence," Tesoro said of his job.

As head of the special team, Tesoro said he is tasked to see to it that the executions are performed efficiently.

The superintendent said he has tried to allay the uneasiness of the 50 members of his team by saying that the guilt should be divided equally among them.

"With the two percent guilt each of us has to bear, we could (bear the burden of) our jobs," Tesoro said.

Relieved

Tesoro said he was "greatly relieved" with the recent postponement of the execution of death convicts Roberto Lara and Roderick Licayan.

"The world would be looking at us during the executions," Tesoro said. "A single mistake may turn into a national embarrassment. And there are no bloopers when it comes to taking away a man's life."

Fires hit San Juan, Muntinlupa

AROUND 60 houses yesterday were destroyed in a fire that broke out on Lovely Street in Cupang, Muntinlupa City.

Around 100 families were rendered homeless in the blaze that started at around 2:30 p.m., said FO3 Marlon Santos and FO3 Ging Vasquez. No one was reported injured.

According to fire officials, the fire started in the residence of Aileen Dades.

Fire trucks from Districts 1, 2 and 4 responded to the alarm. The firefighters were able to contain the fire at around 4:30 p.m.

The victims of the fire were taken to the Cupang Barangay Hall, while others were herded to a nearby basketball court.

Another fire yesterday morning hit a boutique inside a mall in San Juan, fire authorities said.

The fire that had broken out in Watson's Boutique at the Virra Mall in Greenhills, started in the computer room on on the shop's second floor, fire authorities said.

The fire, first reported at 8 a.m., reached the second alarm at 8:21 a.m.

Firefighters were able to put out the blaze half an hour later, FO1 Jimmy Odo said.

The shop's employees told fire authorities that the computers were left running the night before.

Authorities have not come up with an estimate of the damage as of press time. *Joyce C. Abaño, Luige del Puerto*

Arms cache seized from police official

By Luige del Puerto

THE POLICE on Friday were only out to serve an arrest warrant to a ranking police official accused of bigamy.

Instead, they found an arsenal of high-caliber firearms in the Pasig City residence of Chief Insp. Ruperto Regis.

The police, however, failed to arrest Regis during the raid.

Regis reportedly owns a private security agency. He is said to be on floating status in the Philippine National Police.

"So far, we have not seen any paper to support the claim (that Regis owns a security outfit)," said Insp. Jovita Iquin, the chief investigator of the Pasig police.

At around 5 p.m. Friday, Amelia Enriquez-Regis, sought police assistance in serving an arrest warrant which a Quezon City court issued against her husband, Ruperto.

Lawmen, backed by members of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) unit and intelligence agents, then proceeded to Regis' house at the Lucia Townhomes in Barangay Rosario, Pasig City.

When the police had positioned themselves at the gate, they heard a burst of gunfire from the house, Iquin said.

This prompted the police to return fire and secure the house, he added.

To their surprise, the policemen found 26 12-gauge shotguns, 54 .38-caliber revolvers, an assault rifle, a Garrand rifle, and a .45-caliber Colt pistol.

The raiding team also found 122 shotgun rounds, seven .45-caliber rounds, 21 .357-caliber rounds, and 30 5.56-caliber rounds contained in a rifle magazine.

Iquin said it is "highly unusual" for anyone to stack up that much firepower inside a house—even if that house belongs to a police officer.

The city police is running a search with the PNP's Security Agencies and Guard Supervisory Division (SAGSD) to find out if Regis indeed runs a security agency.

The police are also confirming whether the firearms and ammunition found in Regis' residence are licensed.

They would know the results on Monday, Iquin said.

"If he runs a legitimate security agency, he still has a lot of explaining to do," the officer said. "You don't keep an arsenal inside your home, unless that home also serves as an office. And if it does, there should be a sign saying so."

A flower to bind Metro Manila residents

THE CADENA de Amor goes by countless other names in various places—Queen's Wreath, Coral Vine, Mexican Creeper and Love Vine, among others.

On Thursday, the Metro Manila Council added a new distinction to this prolific plant when the members declared it as the official flower of Metro Manila.

Bayani Fernando, chair of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, said the council adopted the Cadena de Amor to symbolize "the love that binds Metro Manilans."

With its tendrils and sprays of bright pink flowers, Cadena de Amor can spread vigorously on fences and other plants like "mantles of hope and joy," Fernando said.

He added that this "represents Manila's pervasive influence on the other regions of the country and can best symbolize the history and development (of the metropolis)."

The flowers will be planted on the center islands on Edsa and C5, to "enhance the greening of Metro Manila, as well as cover the monstrous columns of the Metro Rail Transit," Fernando said.

He said the project only requires a small budget because "it is a wild flower and grows in the most likely places."

The MMDA started placing wires around the MRT and LRT columns last October to support the Cadena de Amor vines.

"I expect environmentalists won't find fault in this (project)," Fernando said. *Joyce Abaño*

Experts: Faulty, illegal lines mar water-saving measures

By Tina Santos

PRIVATE water concessionaires are zeroing in on leaking pipes and illegal water lines which, they said, have been contributing greatly to the decline of Metro Manila's water resource.

Joel Lacsamana, director for corporate communications of Manila Water Corporation Inc., said that at least 51 percent of their supply are going to waste because of the faulty pipes and illegal connections.

Manila Water services households in the eastern half of Metro Manila, including parts of Rizal province.

Jess Matubis, of Maynilad Water Services Inc., which supplies water to the west zone, told the INQUIRER that 69 percent of its own supply do not reach its customers.

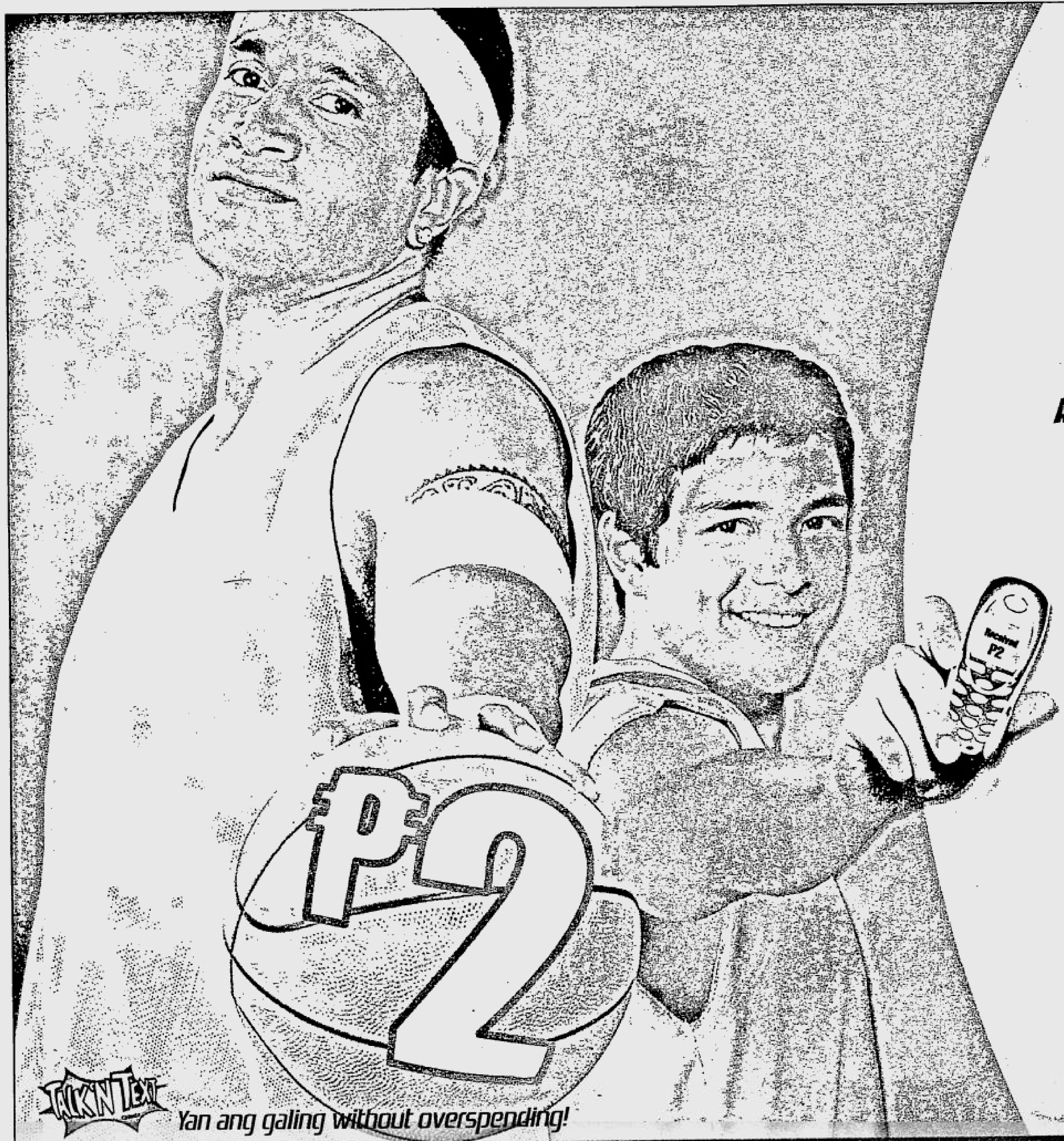
The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, through the concessionaires, supplies 43.7 cubic meters of water per second for household use in the metropolis.

Ramon Alikpala, executive director of the National Water resources Board, earlier said that these problems have aggravated the dropping water level at the Angat Dam, which supplies 97 percent of Metro Manila's water needs.

Lack of rainfall in the latter part of 2003 has reduced the water volume at Angat Dam.

As of noon Friday, the water level at the reservoir is 196.40 meters—9.9 meters below the safe level of 206.3 meters.

Water officials said that they are now implementing measures to stop the loss of water by replacing old pipe lines and stepping up its drive against illegal connections.



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DOUBLE OVERTIME

Fash levels PBL series

TUESDAY SCHEDULE (*Pasig Sports Center*)
3 p.m.—Platinum Cup Achievement Awards
4 p.m.—Welcoat vs Fash Liquid (Game 3)

By Marc Anthony Reyes

SLOTMAN Francis Mercado, drafted by Red Bull in the PBA this year but wasn't signed, made four free throws in the final 22 seconds to lift Fash Dishwashing to an 84-80 double-overtime victory over Welcoat Paints that tied the PBL Platinum Cup championship series at 1-1 last night at the jampacked San Juan gym.

It was an anti-climactic finale to what has been a classic of a game considering that the 6-foot-4 Mercado only stepped up in the absence of Rich Alvarez who fouled out in the first extension.

Mercado's game-clinching charities—the first pair coming in with 22 seconds left and the second occurring 20 seconds later—came from desperate fouls by Jercules Tangkay and Willie Wilson, respectively.

"My players showed them how it is to play with your hearts out," said Fash coach Junel Baculi, whose victory suddenly turned the momentum on their side in the best-of-five series. They can gain the upper hand in Game 3 on Tuesday.

FASH/A24

BADMINTON MONTHLY LAUNCH
Philippine Badminton Association president Ming Ramos (center), PDI president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez and Olympian Weena Lim hit the ceremonial serves highlighting the launch of the newest member of the INQUIRER family of publications, the INQUIRER BADMINTON Monthly, Friday night at the adidas Sportskamp at The Fort. Court owners and officials, equipment suppliers and noted players also graced the affair. RUDY ESPERAS

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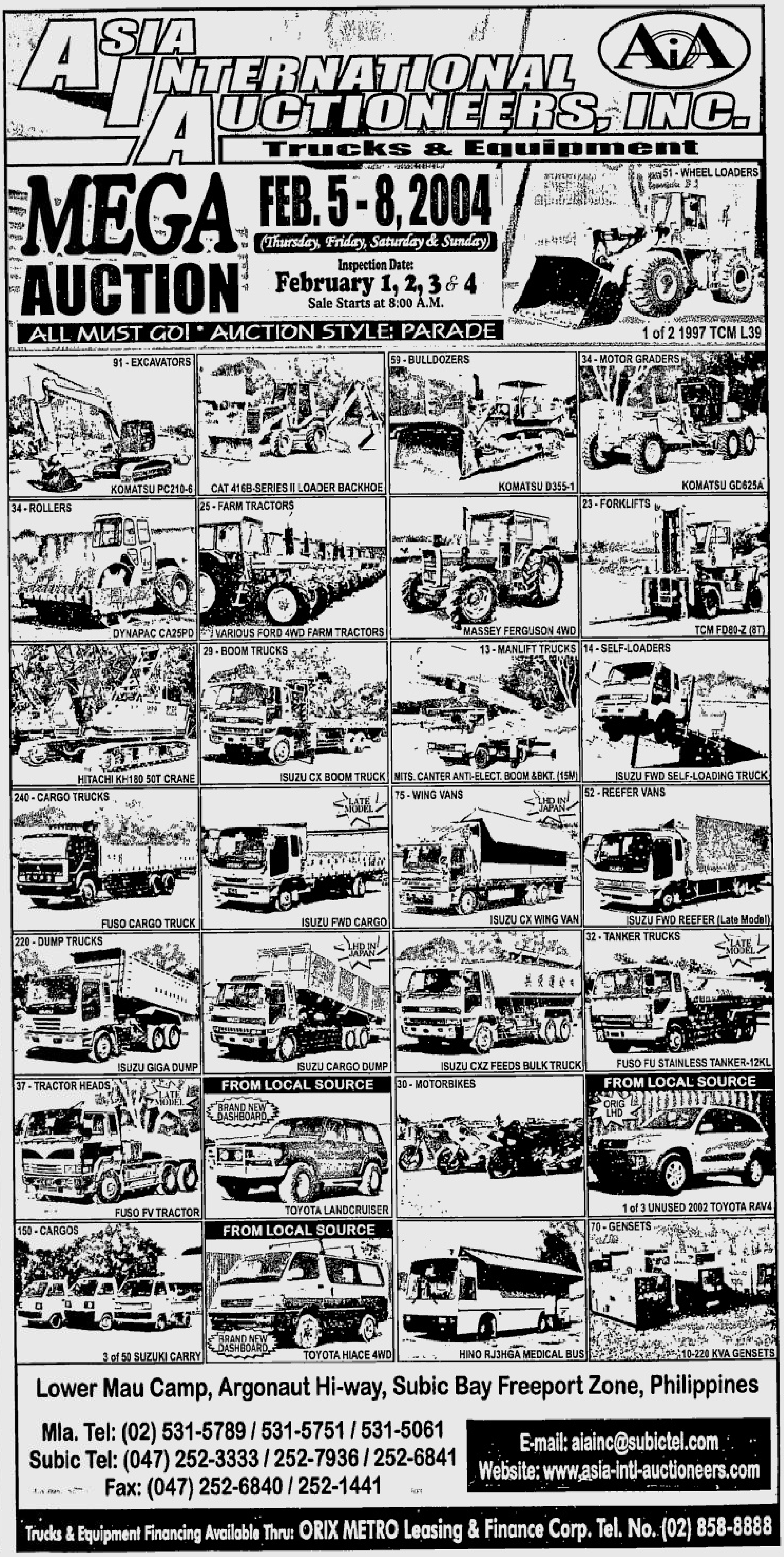

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Mimosa Golf Club racing against time

By Jong Arcano

THE SUDDEN shift in the venue from the Mountain View course to the two other adjacent layouts has pushed the Mimosa Golf and Country Club racing against time to host the 88th staging of the Philippine Open golf championship staking $150,000 (about P8.4 million) on Feb. 26-29.

There's also the influx of Korean tourists to worry about.

Benny Gopez, secretary-general of the National Golf Association of the Philippines, bared during a press conference yesterday at Holiday Inn-Mimosa that the decision for the last-minute change was made after his committee surveyed the Mountain View and concluded that it won't be ready for the Open.

"The course looks ugly and we felt that the two other nines (Acacia and Lake View) will fit better into our requirements," said Gopez.

With a par of 70, the composite layout would become one of the shortest courses to host the Open next to the Camp John Hay course.

Still, Gopez vowed that considering the remaining time, the NGAP would be able to stage one of the best Philippine Opens in its long history.

Carrying a heavy load of Korean players daily, the Acacia and Lake View nines will be closed starting on Feb. 9 for the final preparations for the Open. The Koreans, now the main source of income for the government-run club, have already been notified of the closure through tour operators.

OO PHILIPPINE OPEN

FELICIANO (center) acknowledges his introduction as (from left) Ichimura, Brewer, Gopez and NGAP treasurer Alice Andrada look on. ROMY HOMILLADA

Charles Brewer, DHL country manager in the Philippines, DHL chair Rod Feliciano, Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Inc. SEVP Yoshiaki Ichimura and DHL national marketing manager May Cuevas also graced the press conference.

Defending champion Rick Gibson, the Canadian married to a Filipina, will be leading the cast that will include the biggest names in the local pro tour like 1998 champion Frankie Miñoza, Gerald Rosales and Cassius Casas.

Meanwhile, the stint of Jenny Rosales in a planned Skins Game before the Open will not materialize.

Rosales declined the offer for her to play in the Skins Game alongside brother Gerald, Frankie Miñoza and newly turned pro Ria Quiazon, claiming she wanted to keep her focus on her preparations for the new LPGA season, which will start with her stint in tournaments in New Zealand and Australia late this month.

INQUIRER sources said the management team of Rosales rejected a counter-offer made by the organizers. It was learned that Rosales and her brother Gerald were offered either a P200,000 guaranteed prize or the expenses for Jenny's caddie based in the US would be shouldered by the NGAP.

Aces, Pals behind in imports' search

By June Navarro

EXCEPT for Alaska and Talk 'N Text, the rest of the Philippine Basketball Association teams have already beefed up their rosters with imports in time for the Fiesta Conference three weeks from now.

Alaska coach Tim Cone is still scouting for a reinforcement worthy of the Aces in the United States while the Phone Pals are immersed in a series of workouts also in the US to boost their stock.

An INQUIRER source said Cone's choices have already boiled down to two former National Basketball Association players, both of whom possess speed and agility despite their 6-foot-7 frames.

Scouting reports have it that NBA journeyman Matt Barnes, a 23-year-old UCLA alum, could play the guard position and operate at the low post with efficiency at the same time.

Barnes was selected 46th overall by the Memphis Grizzlies during the 2002 NBA draft but was immediately shipped to the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Cavs waived the 235-pound Barnes before the Seattle SuperSonics signed him up as a free agent last year.

Barnes' NBA odyssey abruptly ended when the LA Clippers allowed him to play for six games before sending him to the unrestricted free agent list a month back.

DarMarr Johnson, the Aces' other alternative, also saw action briefly in the NBA almost five years ago but had not made an impact during his previous stints abroad.

Listed as 6-foot-9 in the US, Johnson was reportedly capable of essaying the role of a wingman as he possess a deadly touch from afar.

A Talk 'N Text insider said the Phone Pals, gifted with a US trip for winning last year's All Filipino plum, are set to arrive in the country tomorrow with their chosen reinforcement tagging along.

Imports who either signed up or committed to see action in the Fiesta Conference on Feb. 22 were Carlos Willer (Red Bull Barako), Alvin Jefferson (FedEx), Mark Sanford (Coca-Cola), Lamayn Wilson (Sta. Lucia), Lenny Cooke (Purefoods), Jarmaine Walker (Barangay Ginebra), Art Long (SMB) and Marek Ondera (Shell).

Fash levels . . .

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"Just by holding our fire the whole game, we can make things happen," Baculi added.

The game had all the trimmings of a thrilling championship encounter—double overtime, buzzer-beating three-pointers, fading seconds freethrows, overflowing crowd and PBA superstars coming down for a visit.

Purefoods players led by Alvin Patrimonio and its coaching staff were at the sidelines rooting for Welcoat, which has three players seeing action for the Hotdogs starting this season.

But it proved to be a bane for Welcoat as James Yap, Paul Artadi and Ervin Sotto, all incoming Purefoods players, got star-struck instead and took time to get their rhythm in the first quarter which ended with the Liquid Power leading by 10 points (20-10).

Purefoods coach Ryan Gregorio, Kerby Raymundo, Richard Yee, Rey Evangelista, Noy Castillo and new acquisition Jun Limpot joined Welcoat in the dugout just before the game in a gesture of welcome to the three Paint Masters.

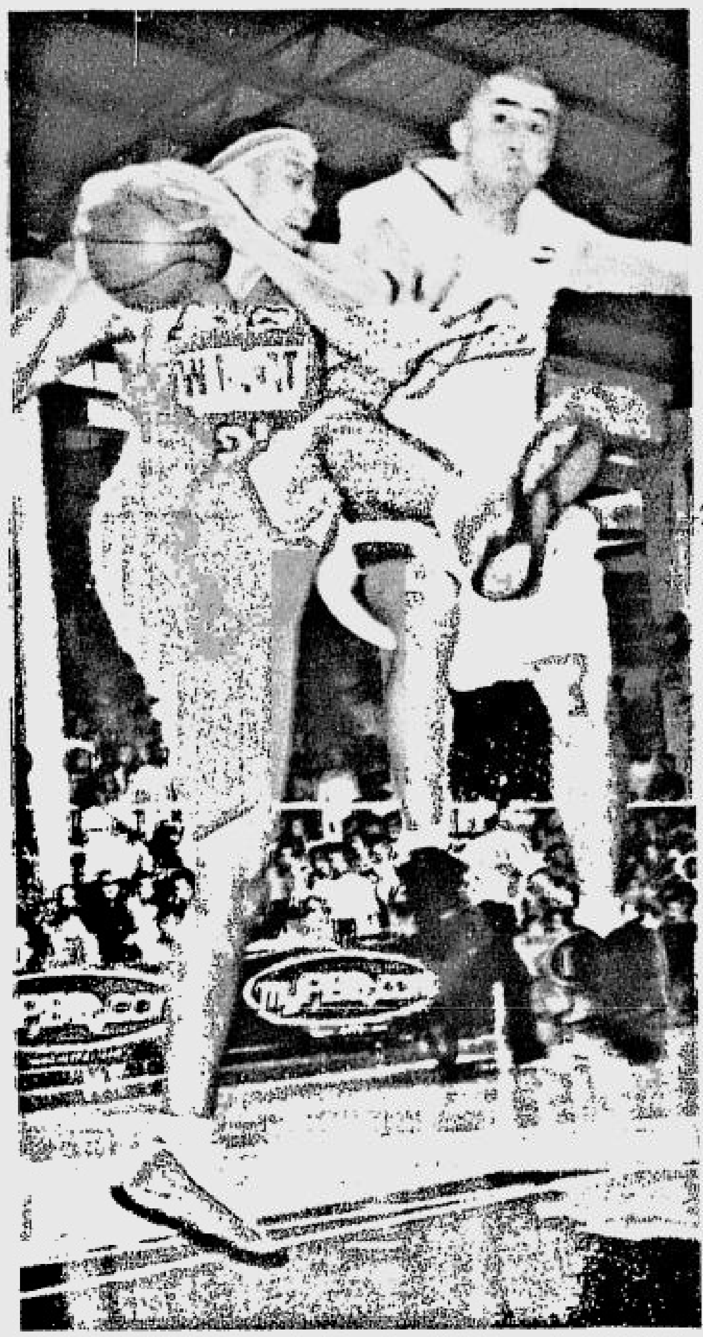
Apparently, they failed to remember that they also have a fellow Hotdog in the Liquid Power lineup in the person of free agent Peter June Simon, who was acquired even before the drafting was held.

Scores:

FASH 84—Simon 26, Alvarez 13, Fonacier 13, Salangsang 11, Gelig 8, Mercado 6, Dy 4, Tan 3, Dualan 0, Gonzales 0.

WELCOAT 80—Tangkay 25, Omolon 18, Yap 10, Pingris 8, Wilson 8, Artadi 6, Sotto 5, Cuan 0, Reyes 0.

Quarters: 20-10, 33-29, 46-49, 63-63, 73-73, 84-80.



SOTTO (left) of Welcoat grabs the rebound off Alvarez in Game 2 of the PBL Finals. Fash won to tie the series at 1-1. AUGUST DE LA CRUZ

Venezuela beats RP IX

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand—Venezuela handed the Philippines its second straight defeat, 8-1, in the NZCT men's Softball World Championships here Friday night.

Pitcher John Garcia presided over Venezuela's romp, limiting the Filipinos to four hits against the Venezuelans' 11.

The Filipinos, who also yielded to the Australians (2-1) Thursday, were further hobbled by the five errors they committed.

Another game saw Samoa stun Canada, 3-1, for its first win in three outings.

Samoa, which is ranked 15th in its first ever world championship stint, was earlier beaten by New Zealand (3-1) and the Netherlands (10-8).

SPORTSWATCH

Suico KOs Baek; Jaca triumphs

CEBU CITY—Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation superfeatherweight king Randy "Komong Bato" Suico inched closer to a world title crack this year with a second-round demolition of Korean mandatory challenger Seungkwon Baek in the main event of the "Explosion at the Waterfront" card here. In the co-feature, Cebuano Jimrex Jaca dethroned OPBF junior featherweight boss Pederito Laurente over 12 grueling rounds. The 24-year-old Suico, ranked No. 2 by both the WBC and WBA, bombarded Baek with face and body shots in the opening round while the visitor desperately tried to parry the onslaught. In the second round, Suico stepped up his attack while evading the Korean's desperate haymakers. With 45 seconds gone in the round, Suico unleashed a short but powerful left hook-uppercut to Baek's jaw, sending the Korean falling like a log on the canvas. Referee Bruce McTavish counted out the unconscious Korean right away as ringside physicians got into the ring to resuscitate Baek, who got up after almost three minutes. The win improved Suico's record to 21 wins, no loss with 18 KOs and arranged an April bout with South African Mzonke Fana for the WBC-mandated eliminator. Jaca knocked down Laurente with a barrage of punches in the fourth and went on to outpoint the Elorde boy, 117-110, 116-111, 119-109. Japanese promoter Kashimi confided at ringside that Jaca's manager, Wakee Salud, has already agreed to pit his boy against Japanese Yasuo Kunimi on May 3. The WBC No. 8 Jaca remains unbeaten in 21 fights with 10 KOs. Elmer Gejon of Mandaue City snatched the vacant RP minifly crown with a majority decision over top-ranked Jun Arlos, 116-113, 114-112, 112-112.

Salven L. Lagumbay, Contributor

Mayor Marides Fernando chessfest

THE "ALAY Kay Mayor Marides Carlos Fernando" 2050 & below non-master active chess tournament gets underway at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Marikina Sports Complex in Marikina City. The event is organized by Metro East Chess Association under the leadership of founding chair Joel Gaudia in cooperation with Marikina Chess Federation led by engineer Eric Malabiga. At stake are cash prizes, with the champion receiving P6,000 and the second and third placers pocketing P4,000 and P2,000, respectively. Category prizes will also be awarded to the top kiddie finisher, top junior, top senior, top lady and top five Marikina chess players. Tournament director is National Master Rudy Ibañez. For inquiries, contact Gaudia at 947-6993 or 0919-6268874, or Ibañez at 0922-3834327. Meanwhile, the Starmall 2050 & below active chess tournament kicks off today, 10 a.m. at the 2nd Floor, Trade Hall of Starmall Shopping Complex in Mandaluyong City.

NM Marlon Bernardino, Contributor

NCA 7-cocker at Araneta on Feb. 2

EXCITING fights are in the offing when the "National Cockers Association 7-Cock Derby" unfolds at the air-conditioned Araneta Coliseum on Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 2 and 4. Gov. Ito Ynares, who will host the event with Rep. Claude Bautista, Benjamin and Franklin Bautista, said the remaining fowls trained and conditioned for the World Slasher Cup will be fielded tomorrow. Participants must submit entries today, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Araneta Coliseum green gate. Contact 911-3101 and 911-2928 for details. Slated on Feb. 16 and 18 is another 7-cock event with Fil-Am cockers Rene Medina, Ric de Guzman, Ruel Feliciano and Boy Jiao of Rizal as hosts. The entry of former PBA commissioner Rudy Salud and Lito Orillaza (Winning Time Jobo) bagged the solo championship of the World Slasher Cup last week with a clean slate of 8-0 (win-loss).

Ibsa meet draws 20 nations to Manila

AN IMPORTANT gathering of International Blindsports Federation (Ibsa) will be held in Manila on Feb. 19-22. PSC commissioner Michael Barredo, who is in charge of the Philippine Sports Commission's Sectoral Concerns for Ibsa chair for Asia, said delegates from 20 Ibsa member-countries—14 from East Asia and seven from Oceania—have been invited to participate in the conference called the East Asia and Oceania strategic planning session. The Ibsa Management Committee, headed by its president Enrique Perez of Spain, will also hold its meeting and participate in the said conference. Countries invited to the meeting are Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, China, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Mongolia, Taiwan, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Samoa, Solomon Island, Tonga and Vanuatu.

The good news

I HEARD the news today, oh boy.

That's a line from The Beatles' song, "A Day In the Life."

I quote that today because the week past, news came out that the Philippine Sports Commission has started groundbreaking moves for the country's preparations in hosting the 2005 SEA Games. It never landed on any page of any sports section in any of the nation's major broadsheets.

I wonder why.

And to think that the SEA Games is a major sports event not only in the country but also in the entire region.

When the SEA Games are on, virtually all the nation's newspapers—from tabloids to broadsheets—swoop down on the Games' venue like a pack of wolves in the hunt for news, from trivial to truer than true items. The recent Vietnam Games was an example. Our sports pages had been crowded by stories from Ho Chi Minh and Hanoi for almost two weeks during the duration of the Games.

Now that the Games are to be held here next year, we see nothing from our newspapers' sports sections about the first concrete move of our willingness to make it a super success.

I wonder why.

Anyway, the facts I gathered myself involved, among other things, the PSC focusing on priorities and projects related to next year's SEA Games. Likewise, the PSC said it would work closely with the Philippine SEA Games Organizing Committee manned mainly by officials of the Philippine Olympic Committee.

Not a bad start.

In its initial move, the PSC touched base with officials from the Department of Budget and Management, Department of Finance, Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Tourism, Department of Education, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, Department of Interior and Local Government, and the Departments of Transportation and Communication.

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

They are all big offices with decisive positions in government, an indication of how the PSC gives top priority to the Games' well-being.

Do you know that in the recent Vietnam SEA Games, the Vietnamese government spent $100 million for one stadium alone?

The SEA Games has grown so huge it's not peanuts hosting it anymore.

In 1991, when we hosted it last, we were not yet hit by the economic crunch. This time around, we are still reeling from the hostile winds that battered the economy during the almost Asian-wide economic meltdown of 1997.

I heard that the PSC had been given P30 million already from the General Appropriations Fund as seed money for the hosting of the Games. Boy, that's chicken feed. Do you know the cost of hosting the 2005 SEA Games? A staggering P606 million.

The major bulk of expenses are for repairs of roads from airports to hotels to venues. Competition sites will have to undergo major renovations, too, as we are way, way behind already in sports facilities. Ours are circa '50s yet. Do you know that the Rizal Memorial Stadium was built for the 1954 Asian Games? That's a good 50 years ago. And the stadium has not undergone a single major renovation.

As properly observed by experts, the SEA Games will not merely be a sporting contest. It will also showcase the country's image as the Games will act as a bridge toward linking up with our Asian neighbors for them to rediscover the beauty of the islands.

But of course, of equal import, if not the ultimate aim, is for the country's dream to finally nail down the overall crown if only to erase the bitter memory of our second-place finish behind Indonesia in 1991. That was bitter because we lost the championship by a single gold medal.

I believe Eric Buhain, the youthful PSC chair, will do his share in ensuring victory this time. For one, he was the most bemedaled athlete with his six gold medals won in swimming in 1991. For another, he emerged the Games' Most Outstanding Athlete. And, talking about Grand Slams, Buhain went on to win the Athlete of the Year award from the Philippine Sportswriters Association.

So, from all indications, Eric seems to be the most driven of all sports officials involved in the SEA Games of 2005.

I hope Cito Dayrit, our Olympic boss, will share Eric's thoughts if only to show unity amid a monumental task facing us all.

Do I hear good news from Cito as well?

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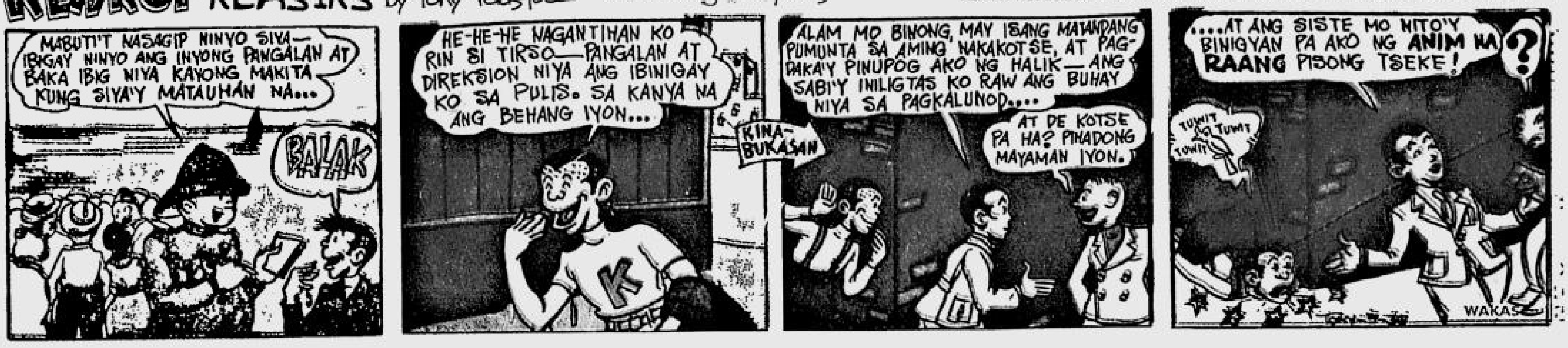
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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Henin-Hardenne tames Clijsters

HENIN-HARDENNE throws her racket as she celebrates her 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win over Clijsters. REUTERS

MELBOURNE—Justine Henin-Hardenne won her third Grand Slam title and extended her dominance in major finals against Kim Clijsters with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 victory in Saturday's Australian Open women's title match.

Henin-Hardenne consistently beat Clijsters with one-fisted backhand shots, extending her unbeaten streak against her fellow Belgian to three Grand Slam finals. She is assured of keeping her No. 1 ranking.

"It was really emotional, both of us were really nervous," Henin-Hardenne said. "I have three Grand Slam titles now, it's wonderful."

Retaining the top ranking "wasn't my main goal today, just winning this Grand Slam," she said. "So it's two big things in a day."

Henin-Hardenne, who beat Clijsters to win the 2003 French Open and US Open titles, broke in the second and fourth games of the deciding set.

Clijsters broke back at 1-4, held and then got back on serve with a backhand winner down the line.

She had two game points while trying to level at 4-4, but double-faulted both times.

Facing break point, she smacked a swinging forehand that was originally called good at the baseline, but chair umpire Sandra De Jenken of France overruled and called it out after Henin-Hardenne complained.

TV replays appeared to show the ball barely catching the line.

Henin-Hardenne, serving at 5-3, closed it out in 1 hour, 47 minutes with a first serve that Clijsters couldn't return.

"I just tried to stay focused on every point. But game after game, I was feeling more nervous," Henin-Hardenne said. "I'm not afraid of anyone, but sometimes I'm afraid of myself. The mental part is very important.

"Being stronger physically helps, and being stronger in my head."

In the later men's doubles final, defending champions Michael Llodra and Fabrice Santoro of France beat top-seeded Bob and Mike Bryan, 7-6 (4), 6-3. *AP*

Marat, Roger clash today

MELBOURNE—Roger Federer is pleased that Marat Safin is again playing great tennis. To a degree.

"It's good to see him back," said Federer, who plays Safin in Sunday's Australian Open final. "We're all happy, but we're scared at the same time."

With good reason. Safin, in his first Grand Slam since returning from nearly a year of injuries, can count former No. 1 Andy Roddick and defending champion Andre Agassi as his last two conquests at the Australian Open.

As a result of Safin's win over Roddick, Federer became the new top-ranked player in tennis when he beat Juan Carlos Ferrero in the semifinals. Now the player who helped Federer achieve the top spot will be his first major test at Rod Laver Arena on Sunday.

Federer knows it will be a stern one.

"I know he's definitely got the game to win these tournaments," said Federer.

The Rebound Ace surface will be a plus for Safin, says Federer.

Safin has been the workhorse of this tournament. He has played in 27 sets through six rounds, and if he plays in more than three on Sunday, he will surpass American Harold Solomon's record of 30 sets played in the French Open in 1976. Solomon lost the final at Roland Garros in '76 in four sets to Italian Adriano Panatta.

Safin is also attempting to become the first player since Michael Stich in 1991 to beat three reigning Grand Slam champions in the same tournament. *AP*

Women's netfest set

NETTERS from Gen. Santos City, Imus-Cavite, Lucena, UAAP champion La Salle and runner-up UST, Cainta Tennis Federation, La Consolacion Tennis Club-Parañaque and various Metro Manila tennis clubs have signified their intention to join the Hotel Emelie All-Women's Tennis Open set Feb. 12-14 at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

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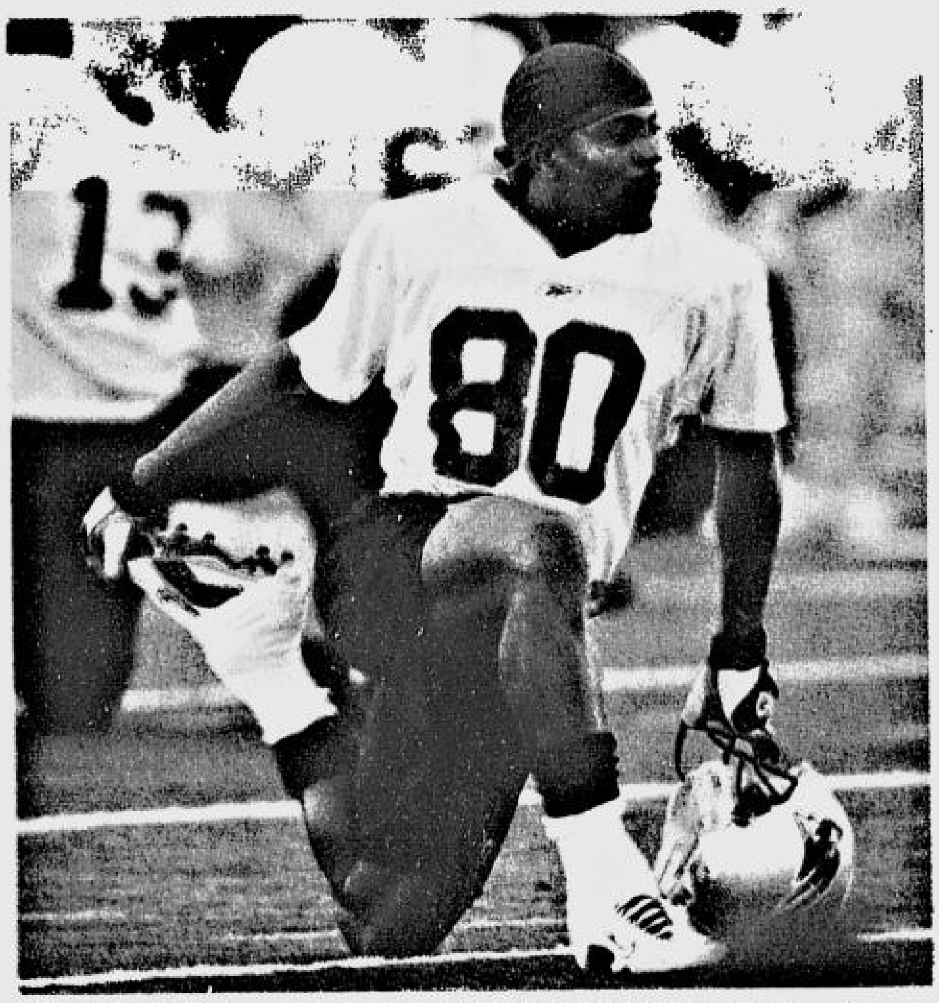

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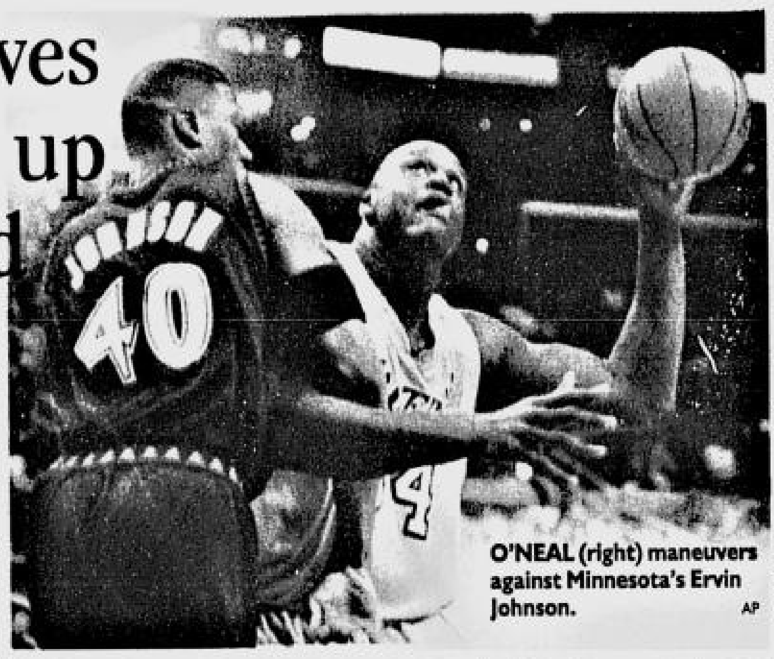

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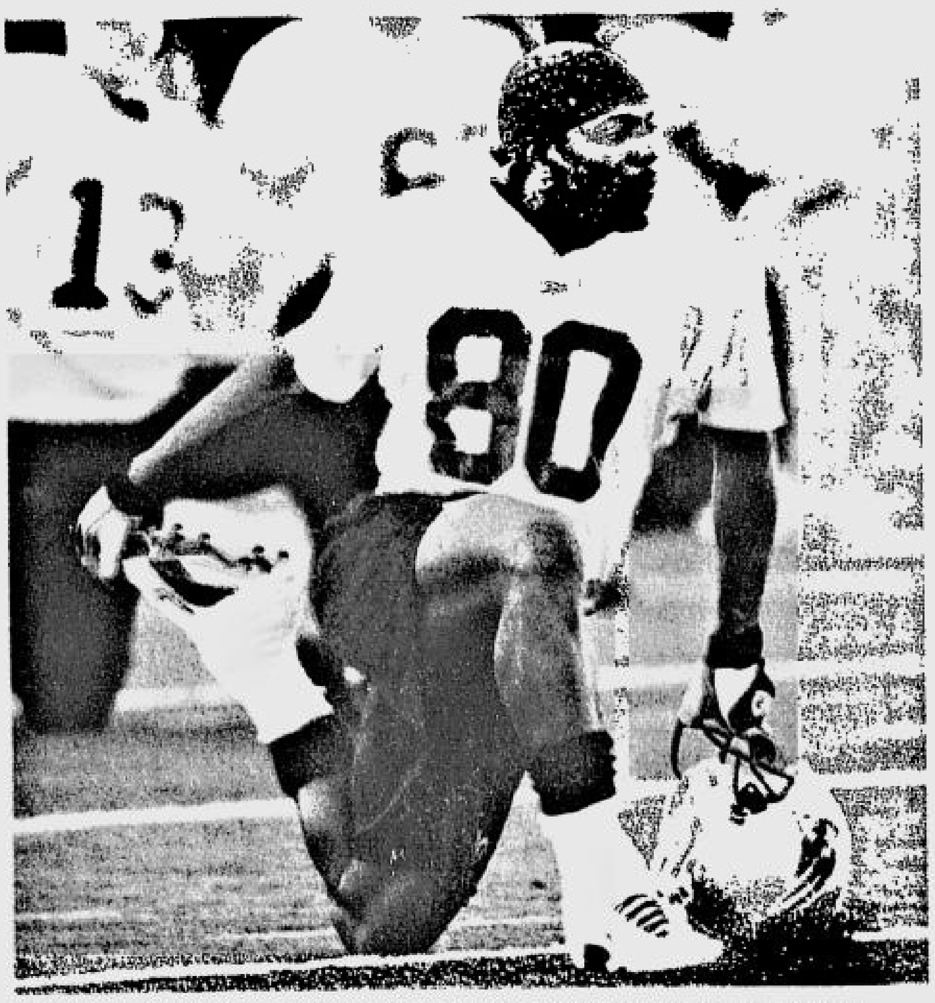

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Current hot import Tiger Babes heads the elite field, which also includes Neat Laurel, Royal Catch and local bets Dandansoy and Mica's Magic.

Set over a distance of 1,600 meters, the race offers P240,000 to the winner, with the three other placers receiving P90,000, P50,000 and P20,000, respectively.

Other races slated for the first quarter of the year at the SLLP include the Freedom Cup on Feb. 25, PCSO Sweepstakes Grand Championship on Feb. 29, Philracom Chairman's Cup on March [illegible] and the P1.7-million PCSO First Gentleman's Silver Cup on March 28.

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GUARDO

Cebu sports lineup bared

CEBU-based Guardo Group of Companies yesterday announced its calendar of sporting activities that will be held under the auspices of the various business establishments under its wing.

The Guardo Group, having the Osaka Iridology as its flagship enterprise, will organize events on basketball, tennis, marathon, badminton, motocross, mountainbike, triathlon, airsoft war, car racing and boxing.

"This affirms our commitment to support sports and other fitness-related activities. Aside from holding various sporting events, our company is also a proud benefactor to some of our young athletes in the Visayas and Mindanao," said Guardo Group's CEO and president Jonathan Guardo.

Guardo, who is also the chair of the Cebu City Sports Commission, takes part in their companies' activities in tennis, marathon and triathlon and maintains the Jeson Guardo basketball team, a selection of Visayan cagers.

The Guardo Group recently staged the Sinulog Men's Open Doubles, participated in by netters from Cebu, Iligan and Cagayan de Oro, and the Guardo Realty Sinulog Cup. Other activities held annually are the Osaka Iridology Junior Tennis Circuit, Osaka Mountainbike Championships and Surigao City Guardosport National Motocross Open.

The firm also supports some of Cebu's top athletes like rising tennis star Nino Siso and top mountainbiker Marites Bitbit.

Surigao bet wins

BUTUAN—Juv Alban of Surigao City ripped Don Bawiga, 6-0, 6-2, in the boys' 18-under division at the kick-off leg Friday of the 2004 Milo Junior Tennis Cup and Regional Workshop here at the Luz Village Tennis Club.

Alban, a finalist in the recent Andrada Cup, towed along Charles Sagrado, who ousted Noynoy Banara, 6-2, 6-1; Nic Fernandez, who beat John Soquez, 6-2, 6-1, and Raphie Santos, who downed Jun Cinco, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

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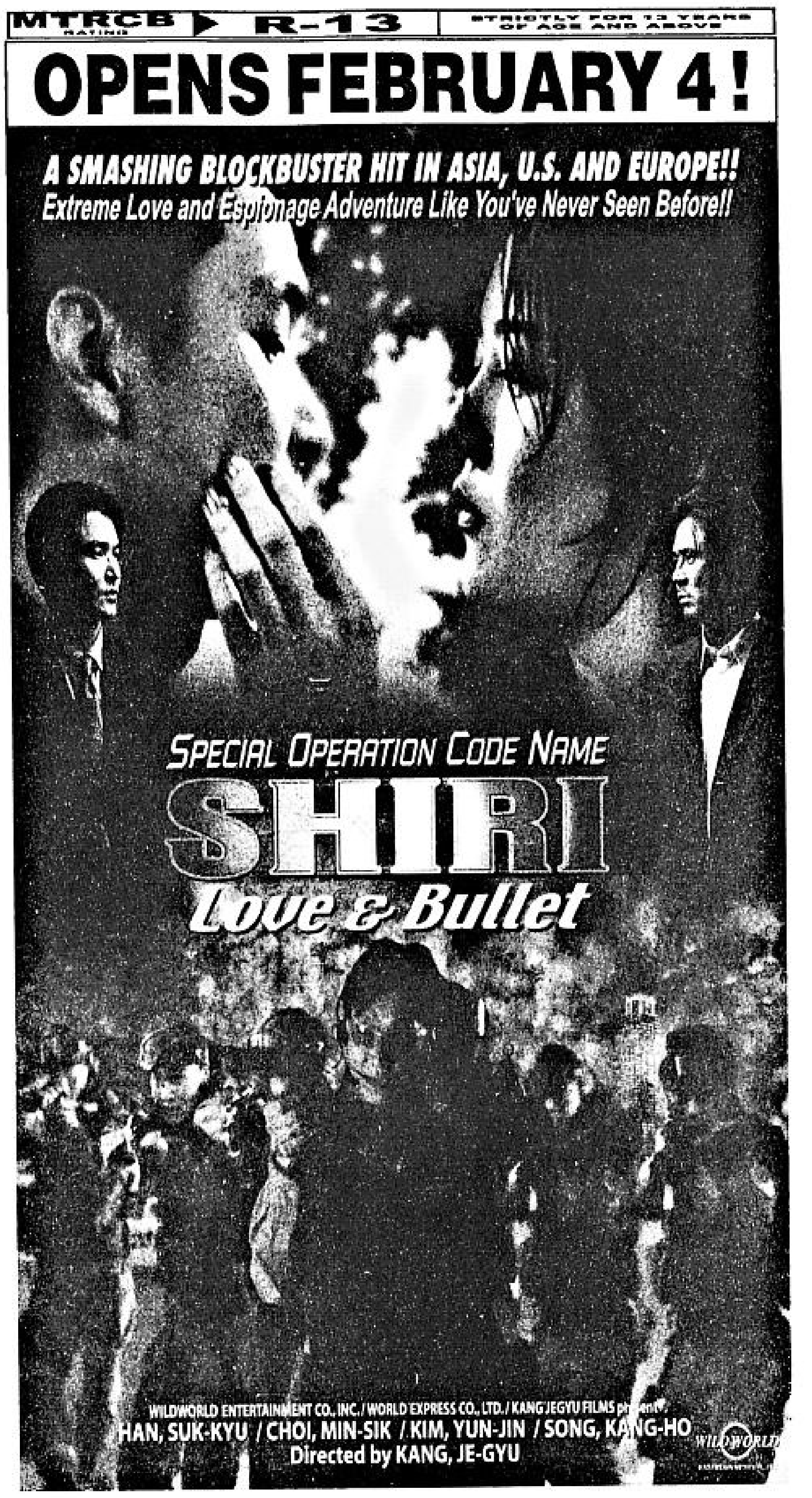
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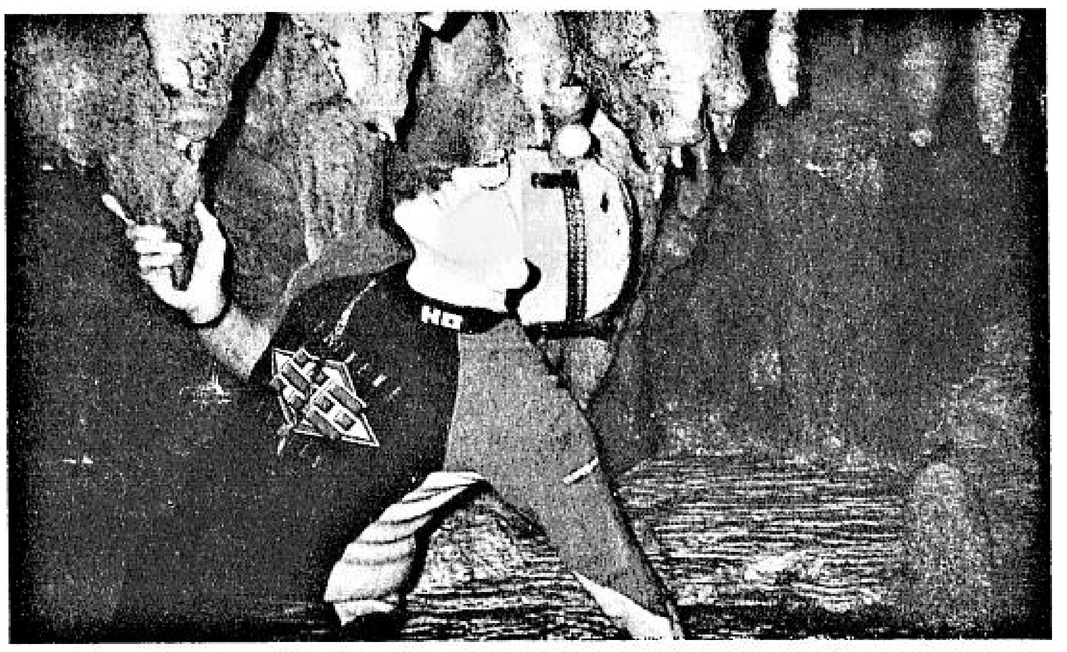
65-yr-old personifies fitness, vigor

PRIVATE TIME

By Doris C. Dumlao



AT 65, ERNEST Leung is fitness and vigor personified—the priceless reward of his unwavering passion for sports and the outdoors all his life.

This newly retired Philippine Stock Exchange president—who was once a finance minister, a banking regulator, a development banker, an international monetary expert and a high school teacher—has had more adventures than the average person can ever dream of in a lifetime.

Although Ernest's current flame (next to his wife) is badminton, he also loves scuba diving, running, mountain climbing, gardening, whitewater rafting, spear fishing, rapelling, hiking, swimming, rock climbing, skating, biking, as well as riding canoes or kayaks.

He engaged in many sports in different stages of his life. He played soccer and basketball in Ateneo's intramurals, which were pretty often those days.

He was also into tennis and squash. He and his wife Edwina shifted to badminton in the '90s, initially thinking it was a "sissy" game, but which was less strenuous than squash.

He was proven wrong, of course, and never regretted being hooked into this sport.

Ernest plays badminton regularly, mostly during weekends, at the Valle Verde Country Club or Quezon City Sports Club.

This writer, who has played mixed doubles with Ernest several times, witnessed Ernest's drive and determination in every badminton game and how he poured all his might to get the shuttlecock, even if he had to literally dive on the floor for a winning shot.

Asked why he likes badminton so much, he says: "It is physically demanding and gives you the kind of exercise to have your system toned in a relatively short period of time."

He also likes the social dimension, as he gets to play with friends and family.

Last year, Ernest and his partner, stock broker Ricky Ricafuente, bagged the championship in the first PSE badminton tournament's advance category.

Ernest says his penchant for the outdoors and physical action compensates for whatever little time he can spare outside of work.

A son of Filipino-Chinese merchants, he was raised in Baguio City where he grew attached to nature.

"It's a terrific place for boys to grow up. In grade school and high school, we usually go out after school. There are mountains and pine trees all around. We used to climb up the Cordillera range," he says.

In grade school, he attended the Holy Family school, which was run by Belgian nuns. Part of his high school was spent in St. Louis University before transferring to Ateneo on his third year.

THE FORMER Philippine Stock Exchange president has interests as diverse as scuba diving, running, mountain climbing, gardening, whitewater rafting, spear fishing, rapelling, hiking, swimming, rock climbing, skating, biking as well as riding canoes or kayaks.

"Being born in Baguio and having lived there, we're used to the outdoors," he says.

Ernest's parents operated grocery stores in Baguio, with some outlets in the mining areas. This gave him and his siblings the opportunity to explore the mines and the deep woods, swim in the rivers and go mountain climbing every summer, even when he started studying in Manila.

Mini-forest

His love for the outdoors is evident in his own backyard. The Leungs' home in Commonwealth, Quezon City is surrounded by a 1,100-square meter garden, mostly planted with tropical trees and vines rather than ornamental flowers.

He prefers "functional" trees, he says. For instance, he says his avocado tree bears fruits that are plump, luscious and clear of fibers.

Ernest does the gardening mostly by himself. In the middle of his garden is a rare tree laden with black flowers. He says the tree is called "nipay" in the vernacular. He saw this tree in an excursion in Batangas, got fascinated and brought home some seeds. It is now one of his attractions in his mini-forest.

A little grandson, who was visiting from the United States, was so awed by the garden that he asked his dad: "Can we also have a jungle in our backyard?"

Teacher

As a young man fresh out of Ateneo de Manila University, Ernest then taught math and en-

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Speakers: Appeal to loftier goals beyond self-interest

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"Working the Room"
By Nick Morgan
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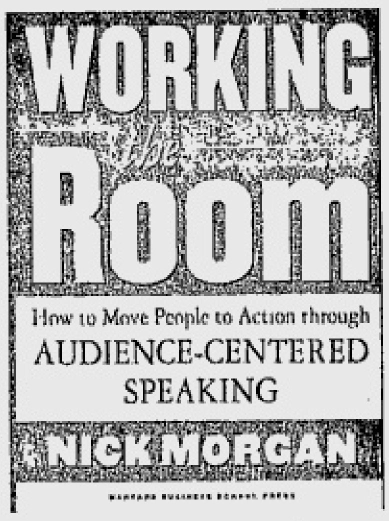
WORKING the Room
How to Move People to Action through
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EXECUTIVE READ

THE POLITICAL season has begun. The May elections are only three months away. On television, you listen to previously low profile executives, administrators and even police chiefs being transformed from sedate characters to high profile firebrand speakers, trying the tricks of orators and introducing "fire and brimstone" in their speeches. That's one side of the world we live in.

At the other side is the world of business, government bureaucracy and civil society. You attend a conference, a seminar or symposia—and what do you see and hear? You are ushered into a dark room, heads (hopefully, eyes too) transfixed on a giant screen, while the speaker intones a speech or what passes for it. You look around, and many eyes in the audience are heavy. Is there interaction between speaker and audience? Hardly. You sit down, and—soon enough—you join most of the audience in dreamland.

We have lost the art of great speech! "Our speaking styles have indeed become more conversational, but speakers in public spaces haven't learned to deliver the physical closeness that mirrors the linguistic closeness on television." Thus observed Nick Morgan, author of "Working the Room."

He added that even in the relatively intimate setting of a small conference room, the typical speaker is disconnected. The author asks: "How can we change this sorry dynamic?" His answer: "By developing the audience-centered rhetoric needed for the 21st century." At first glance, there seems to be nothing new with that statement.

When you read the book, you will understand why the author uses "rhetoric" (something absent in many business and other speeches) that goes all the way back to Greek and Macedonian orators, and "21st century" (which makes us instantly aware of combining rhetoric with "soundbites" on television).

Something got lost along the way, the book says. Speeches that moved great crowds of people in a face-to-face encounter between speaker and audience have given way to the television phenomenon where the speaker uses the "hot medium" (according to Marshall McLuhan) with a conversational style. On TV, the speaker "connects" to an audience, not in the same space where he is, but in some distant place.

Then, the same speaker is featured in a conference room, he brings the "TV style"—which somehow "disconnects" him from an audience that expects more than sound bites. They expect to actively participate, to be looked in the eye, to be told that this speaker cares about them as listeners, their need to be moved to action.

The author shocks us with a speaker's ambitious goal. He declares: "The only reason to give a speech is to change the world. If you are going to take all the trouble to prepare and deliver a speech, make it worthwhile."

"Give your speech to members of the audience," he points out, keeping us wondering—until he adds, "by allowing them, to be active." He explains that many speakers refuse to "give" the speech.

The book has an understandable bias for a speech that "moves people." So, the author stresses this central truth: "Ultimately, great public speaking comes from passion. Communicate enthusiasm ... even if the topic is serious, underneath that emotion lies a real enthusiasm."

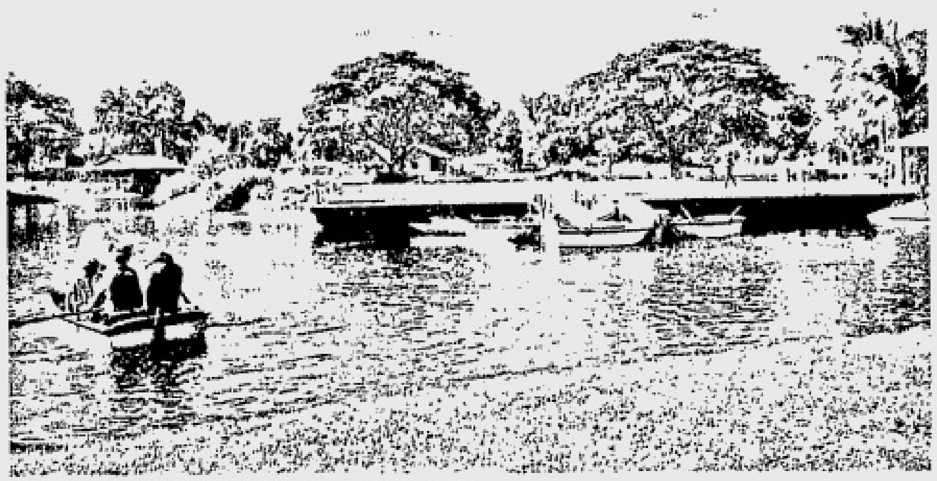
This public speaking proverb is unforgettable—and useful: "If you are having a good time, the audience will, too."

And how do you get listeners interested? The author devotes a section to the "elevator speech." He actually means this. You meet someone at the elevator on your way to your public speaking event. He asks you: "I am supposed to enjoy a game of golf, but I have to listen to you. Tell me, what can I gain from your speech?" You are in the same elevator. You need to give the gist of your speech in one sentence. That "elevator speech" is a test whether you can get—then hold—your audience.

This book is one that gives insights, enumerates how to's, and gives at least three great speeches to illustrate the finer points of public speaking. You will listen once again to John F. Kennedy's speech at Berlin (which I heard on tape, where Kennedy's pauses were filled by deafening applause and shouts), Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" (the world's best), and Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" (that used powerful Biblical phrases and moving national hymns).

The book also brings listeners to the loftier goals of speaking. The author advises: "Appeal to something larger than self-interest." Thankfully, he elaborates: "The tendency to pander is what makes most political speeches today so forgettable. You have to show them how self-interest and larger principles coincide—so personal sacrifice is worth it if it becomes necessary!"

"If you develop the content around your heartfelt passion, rehearse the presentation to find the moments of connection with your audience, and then deliver it with energy and a respect and concern for the audience, you will bring the audience to its feet and to action. Yes, you will change the world. *(dantemv@i-next.net)*


LEISURE activities at Clearwater Country Club.

What's there to do in Clark?

A FEW things happened in Clark this year. The most interesting one of all is the birth of a new lifestyle, which has grown into a sprawling culture of leisure and recreation.

It all happened in Clearwater Country Club, a leisure-estate developed by Hong Kong-based Yats International Ltd. This company has quietly established some exciting destinations for visitors heading to the North.

Just what is this new lifestyle that Yats International has created in Clearwater Country Club?

"The formula is equal satisfaction for every member of a family. It promotes a kind of togetherness without the firm grip of physical constraints," says Denny Wang, chair of Yats International.

"Daddy plays golf in a nearby golf course then comes back to take a dip in the pool. Mom enjoys a leisure afternoon at the idyllic Frolic garden. She tries to finish a novel she started a week ago with a chilled glass of champagne. Protected by the shade of a century-old acacia tree, she's happy and comfortable. Her teenage son rows up on a kayak near the shore, while the older sister gets a tan on the (man-made) beach. It's family life at its best."

Clearwater Country Club is a private club. The price of membership is P350,000.

Korean-based Asiana Airlines has started a regular, twice-a-week direct flights from Seoul to Clark airport.

Frequent visitors to Clark have already discovered the Yats Wine Club, which is in the heart of Mimosa next to the re-opened casino.

"The Wine Club is more than a place to wine and dine in style and comfort. It is a one-stop, out-of-town destination for business and social activities," says Wang. "We've had important meetings conducted in the privacy of our boardroom, weddings indoors and receptions in the alfresco area. It is the venue of choice for afternoon tea, a power lunch for four or a dinner for 18."

Quails, venison, veal chops, artic char, caviar and juicy US steaks are in their walk-in chiller. A fabulous three-course Club Recommendation dinner is priced at P650. But this does not include wine.

Accommodation in Clearwater is a lifestyle product. Members have a choice from three types of lifestyle accommodation: Lakeside Lodge ($100) where you stay right by the lake; Family Inn ($80) where you have your own private garden complete with a barbecue pit; and a favorite among the outdoor types, tented rooms ($60), which are actually standard rooms with shower and all, clothed in a tent exterior.

Unlike other hotel rooms, Clearwater's rooms are equipped with a delightful walk-down tub—a treat for tired legs.

"I just did what nature ordered him to do with the land. Any efforts to do more or to do less would be insane, and of course, bad for business," says Wang.

Clark is poised to take on a significant role in the future of this country's long-awaited economic recovery. Its two-runway airport has been a much taunted heir to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, as this country's 21st-century airport.

Many individuals and businesses have talked about pouring investments into this duty-free zone. Clearwater Country Club and the Yats International Wine Club have done it.

Lambanog now sold in Asia and Europe

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banog Producers Association.

He explains that lambanog-drinking session is best if there is a steaming "paksiw na laman-loob" (beef or carabao innards cooked in vinegar, ginger and garlic broth) as "pulutan" or bar-chow.

"Never drink lambanog with an empty stomach. It should always be full to avoid stomach upset after the bout," he stresses.

Coconut sap

At present, the Mallari's Distillery collects sap as raw material from some 2,000 coconut trees inside a 24-hectare plantation. He owns half of the area and rents the coconut trees from the other half from among several neighboring landowners.

"I rent their coconut trees for P60 each annually. It's more advantageous for the coconut landowners than cut the tree for lumber use for only P300 each, or resort to the tedious process of copra making when its price is down," Mallari points out.

From only four "mangangarit" when he took over the plant operation, he now maintains 19 coconut-sap collectors, who supply at least 37 containers of tuba every day. Each container has five gallons.

But he admits that just like any other business, lambanog production has its own ups and downs.

The months of February until September are considered peak production season. For the rest of the rainy months, Mallari explains they could barely produce the liquor because the "tukil" or bamboo receptacle collects more rainwater than the needed sap.

The normal production is around 25 to 30 gallons of sparkling lambanog a day. But during rainy season, they could barely produce five gallons of the fermented liquor.

Foreign market

Mallari has expressed gratitude to former Department of Trade and Industry Secretary Mar Roxas for encouraging the local lambanog producers to target a "national wine status" for the liquor.

"But first, we have to introduce radical changes in the marketing strategy. There's no way for us to achieve that objective if our lambanog will continue to remain in the market using a borrowed soft-drink bottle or soy sauce gallon," he says with a laugh.

He discloses that three of the local distillers are working with several local and national government agencies on how to further improve the product with focus on packaging to make it more competitive abroad.

The native liquor, also called coconut vodka, was recently identified by the DTI through its export promotion arm, the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions, as one of the Philippines' potential export products under its Brand Development Program.

The program, which also involves the Department of Science and Technology, aims to promote local products that show great promise of success in the export arena.

Awards

The product, now encased in a distinctive box, is contained in a 375 ml, shapely curved bottle with a back-to-back label. The backside carries a colored illustration of the "mangangarit," that is about to climb the tall coconut tree and start the traditional process of gathering its sap. "Mangangarit" is the front man in the lambanog production line.

With the notable marketing improvement, the former backyard liquor industry now starts to collect several awards of recognition from international trade festivals.

From the recent Asian Ethnic Food Festival, lambanog, which is also known as a "flower-based liquor," has been classified as an "ethnic drink."

"With the present ethnic trend in the world market, that classification is a great contribution to the overall thrust of penetrating the elusive foreign clientele," Mallari says.

He adds that the new product package has also been a recipient of "best packaging award" in one of the trade festivals.

"In another trade festival in Germany last August, lambanog was chosen as the 'Most Trendy Product'," Mallari exclaims.

His lambanog is now being exported to Asian and European countries under the brand "Philippine Lambanog-distilled coconut wine," with 45-percent alcohol volume.

A gold-labeled three-year-old 375 ml bottle costs P150 while the ordinary has a price tag of only P100. A gallon of lambanog sells at P200 in the local market.

"We're now preparing to introduce coffee and cinnamon-flavored lambanog in the local and international markets. We're also experimenting on another local black berry or 'lipute' as another ethnic flavor," Mallari reveals.

However, the classical mix and still revered by the province's lambanog-drinkers as the best, is the good old raisins or sweet jackfruit flavors.

Delfin T. Mallari, Southern Luzon Bureau

65-yr-old personifies . . .

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glish in a Maryknoll school in Katil, a far-flung area in Davao.

"It was the most impressive years of my life from an environment point of view," Ernest says of the town carved in the midst of a forest.

There he saw a beautiful waterfalls system, which in his opinion, is still more beautiful than any other waterfalls he has ever seen—and he has seen many in his travels across the world.

In Katil, Ernest hunted in the forest. He feels guilty, however, that some of the birds he shot in the forest then, are now extinct. He vowed to do penance for this.

IMF post

Even when Ernest went to the US as the country's representative to the International Monetary Fund, the romance with the outdoors lived on. Parallel to his tedious work in the IMF, Ernest took his family on road expeditions and camping across states.

He also went hunting with bow and arrows during the open season.

When Ernest went back to the Philippines in 1973, he even brought a canoe from the US. Unfortunately, he never got to use this canoe as it was damaged during shipment. He never saw the canoe again when he sent it to the Philippine Navy for repair.

Scars to flaunt

Indeed, this man has enough tales and adventures to overwhelm his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He'll probably even have the scars to flaunt, such as when he was once attacked by baby sharks when he went spear-fishing or when he crawled across a dark and narrow cave in Cagayan de Oro, poking his way to the exit.

"It was 1.5-km long and really it's a huge system until you come to the exit. At the exit point, there's just water going out. I was trying to poke through with a stick to find the way out. As long as you know your way, it's okay but you can get lost, run out of air and die," he says of his cave adventure.

Ernest never neglected his cravings for physical activities throughout his professional career. Even when he was really busy and had to travel across the globe—as a fiscal manager, president of Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp., chair of Development Bank of the Philippines and eventually PSE president—he would still jog or visit the gym.

Now that he has retired, Ernest is happy that he has more time to play badminton, a sport that his wife Edwina also loves. Badminton runs in Ernest's family. In fact, Edwina represented Ateneo during the All UP-Ateneo Alumni Badminton Dual Meet in women's doubles class C.

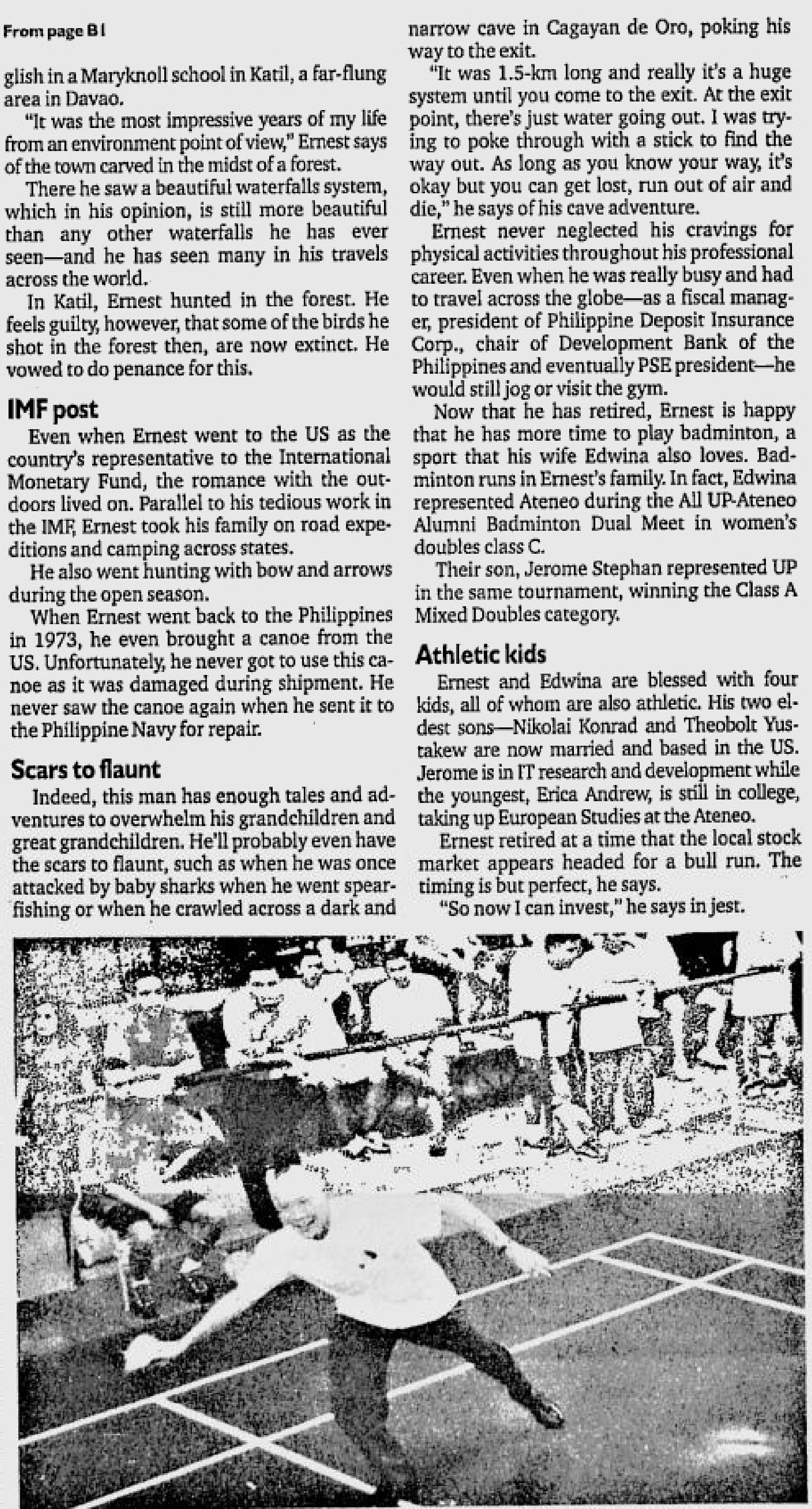
Their son, Jerome Stephan represented UP in the same tournament, winning the Class A Mixed Doubles category.

Athletic kids

Ernest and Edwina are blessed with four kids, all of whom are also athletic. His two eldest sons—Nikolai Konrad and Theobolt Yustakew are now married and based in the US. Jerome is in IT research and development while the youngest, Erica Andrew, is still in college, taking up European Studies at the Ateneo.

Ernest retired at a time that the local stock market appears headed for a bull run. The timing is but perfect, he says.

"So now I can invest," he says in jest.


WHILE badminton only recently became popular, Leung and his wife have been playing it since the 1990s.

Canned Bicol express and laing sell . . .

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to her unplanned visit to different Filipino stores in Milan, Italy.

She was surprised to find out that their *laing* and Bicol Express products were in the shelves of these stores.

The two are among the "most bought" exported canned products in Milan. They are also being exported to other European countries.

Manrique's Moondish products are distributed in The Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Denmark and Luxembourg.

In Asia, since almost countries here use coconut milk in every cuisine, Bicol specialties stand out among other exotic foods owing to their very peculiar aroma and unusual taste produced by the coconut milk.

To date, Moonbake canned product lines are as follows: *Laing* traditional, *Laing* extrahot, Laing with tuna flakes, *Laing* with tuna flakes hot and spicy, *Laing* vegetarian, Laing vegetarian hot and spicy, *Laing* in curry, *Laing* with pork bits, Bicol Express with pork, Bicol Express with tuna flakes, Bicol Express vegetarian style, Camansi traditional, Camansi vegetarian, *Ginataang puso ng saging, Ginataang mais, Ginataang munggo* and *Ginataang halohalo.* All of these will soon be available in Europe and some parts of America by the middle of this year.

Filipino products make good in markets abroad

Lambanog now sold in Asia and Europe

TAYABAS, Quezon—For the natives of this old town 143 kilometers southeast of Metro Manila and situated at the base of the mystic mountain of Banahaw, festive occasions will not be complete without the traditional "tagayan" or wine-drinking session in a single-glass ritual involving a repeated swig of the fiery coconut-based liquor popularly called "lambanog."

Young and old, man and woman, have all been initiated to the potent world liquor spirit through their first gulp of lambanog.

For local wine connoisseurs, the most reliable test of the liquor's potency is when its drip produces a bluish fire when lighted, due mainly to its 90-percent alcohol content.

"Lambanog making is one of the main livelihood of most Tayabasin. Just mention lambanog and what will be uttered next is Tayabas. It's one of the town's principal industries," says Joselito Mallari (not related to the writer), owner of Mallari's Distillery, one of the biggest wine factories located in Barangay Lalo, just outside the town proper.

Lambanog is created from the dripping sap called "tuba" from the coconut flower. The sweet and frothy tuba—a rejuvenating drink by itself—is cooked through a process of natural fermentation and distillation that produces the chemical-free lambanog, the most sought product of Tayabas, once the capital of Quezon province, which was also named Tayabas.

Pita's lambanog

Mallari, 43, a former accountant in a local lime factory before he became a full time wine distillery proprietor, recalls the history of his family's ties with the native liquor, formerly known here as "Pita's lambanog."

Pita or Josefita Alandy, was Mallari's grandmother and the matriarch of the lambanog-making family. "Her old distillery stove in the first factory was engraved with the year 1918," Mallari reveals to emphasize their clan's long contribution to the local wine industry.

When Pita died in 1970, Mallari's mother, Mely, took over the distillery operation. She managed it until her husband's death in 1985.

"I'm the only boy in the brood of ten, so the job of continuing the business falls on me," Mallari says.

"The business has been so good for the entire family. I can proudly declare that whatever we have today came from lambanog," he claims, adding that all of his sisters have become professionals, with some living abroad.

"You can call us all as "mga anak ng lambanog," he says with a boyish grin.

Even the young members of the next generation, girls and boys, can already distinguish the superior taste of a fine lambanog. It runs in the family.

"It runs through one's throat," says Mallari, a member of 25-member Tayabas Lam-

LAMBANOG/ B2

JOSELITO Mallari, one of Tayabas "lambanog" distillers, shows the export-bound trendy packaging of the native liquor. PHOTO BY DELFIN MALLARI

Canned Bicol express and laing sell like hotcakes in Europe

By Gil Francis G. Arevalo
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LEGAZPI CITY—From the time Moonbake Inc. owner Ana Manrique was tapped by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to join the Anuga Food Show in Cologne, Germany last October 2003, she never expected that her canned Bicol specialty products (such as the Bicol Express and *laing*) would gain wide recognition in the prestigious food show, as well as brisk sales in other European countries.

It was far from her expectation, too, that even the locally canned dessert products like the *ginataan mais* with tapioca pearls, which they introduced in the country in June 2002, would also click in Germany. It enjoyed extensive exposure compared to other Asian and European products being exhibited.

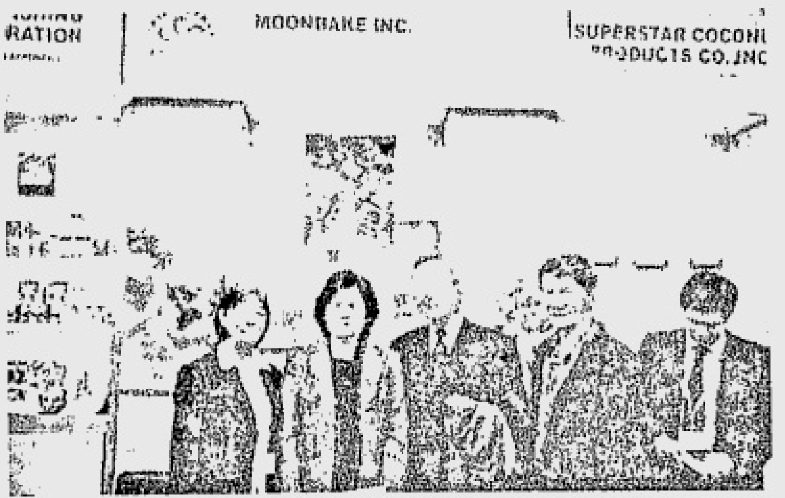
It has been nearly a year since Moonbake products were exported to countries like the US, Middle East, UK, Japan, Taiwan, Canada and Australia. And it has been exactly three years after the company introduced the canned Bicol specialties in the country.

"Actually, that was the first time we joined an international food show. That was also the first exposure of these Bicol specialties in a European trade event. We were so surprised, too, that no similar canned vegetable products were presented in the show, even from other Asian countries like Thailand, China, and Malaysia," claims Manrique, a native of Malinao, Albay.

Proudly Bicol

During the exhibit, Moonbake presented different recipes that overwhelmingly amused the European crowds.

Their Moondish products—like *laing* traditional, camansi fritters, and sushi Bicol Express—were used just like the German goulash.



ANA Manrique (second from left), owner of Moonbake Inc. says, she did not expect that her canned products would gain vast recognition in the prestigious world food show held in Cologne, Germany.

Aside from other veggie lines, popular sweet desserts like *ginataang mais* with tapioca pearls, *ginataang munggo* and *ginataang halu-halo* were also introduced, plus the new veggie line, *ginataang ampalaya*.

"Most of them could not believe that we have produced these kinds of food variety, which have an international appeal or, should I say, an appeal close to the Europeans' taste," Manrique beamingly says.

She notes that there are so many Bicolano dishes that seem to be world-class in character like the Bicol Express and *laing*. People outside the Philippines appreciate their very peculiar tastes.

"But what really makes them more enticing and popular is the fact they have an exotic food ingredient, the coconut milk (*gata* in Bicol), which has been a major key ingredient in various types of cuisine and specialty in the Philippines. This has become prevalent because it has already conquered the taste buds not just of Filipinos but foreigners as well.

Product awareness

Manrique discloses that there is a strong need to have awareness of her canned goods in the export market and the introduction of a variety of applications of the products, which highlight the many health benefits of coconut.

It is no wonder why the Bicol specialties earned wide recognition and positive feedback in the German exhibit.

Out of more than 200 food entries from all over the world, Bicol specialties were given the following awards and citations: uniqueness of the products, fresh raw materials, no preservatives, all natural healthy foods, close to home cooked food preparation, very convenient, and of course, longer shelf life.

World food map

Manrique's goal to place Moonbake canned products in the world food map indeed happened. Thanks

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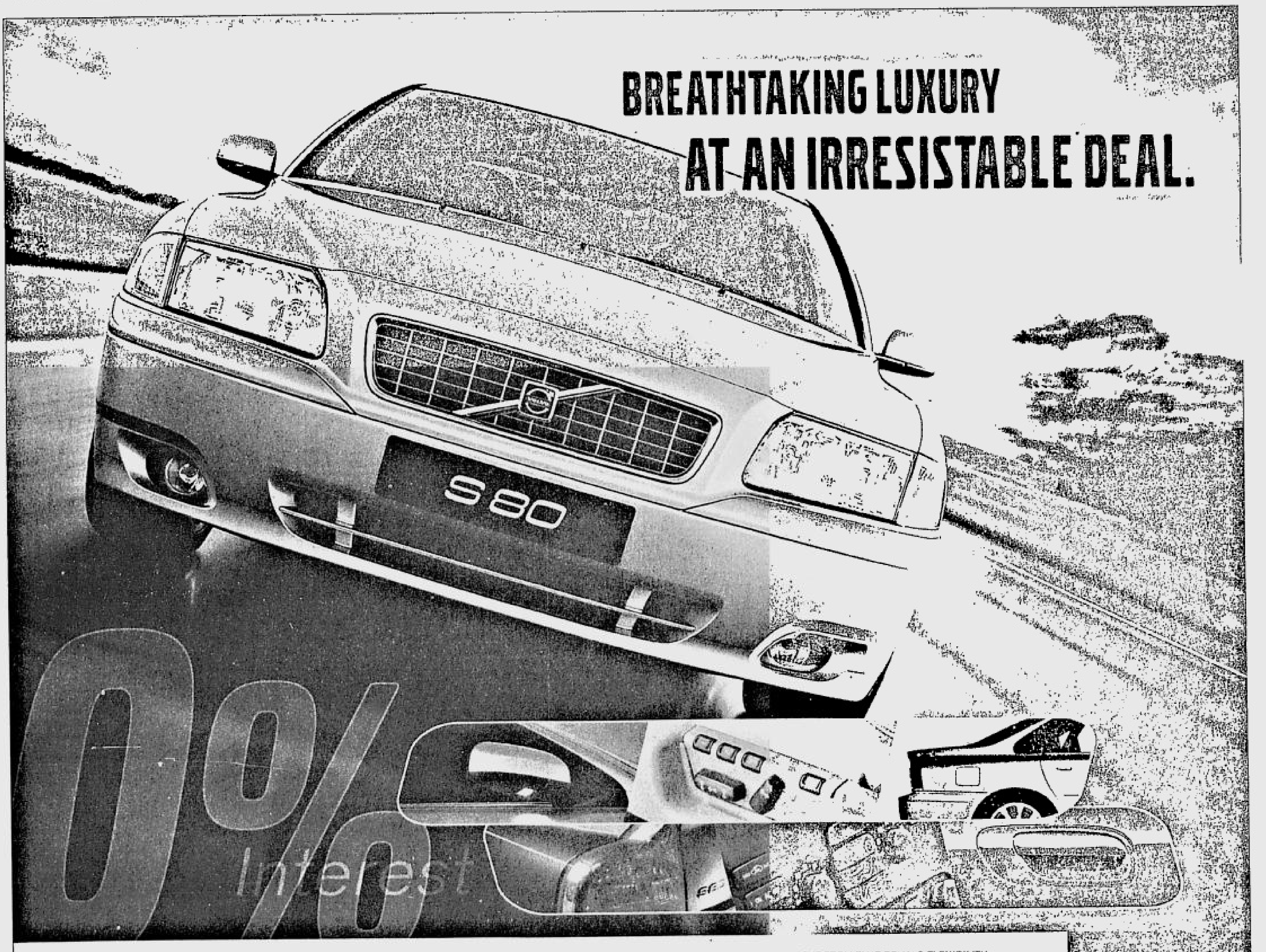

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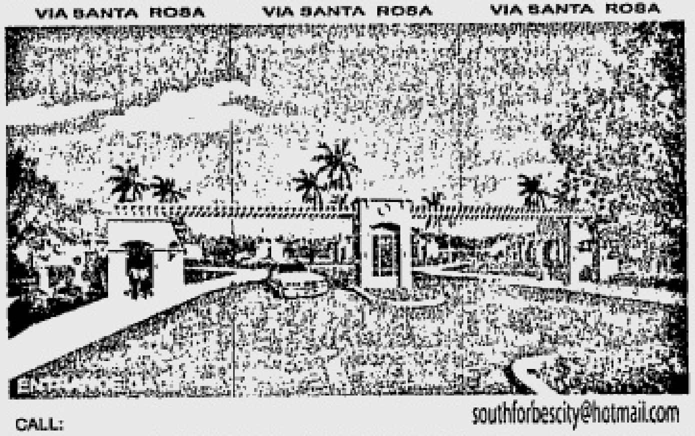

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LOT AREA 498sqm
FLOOR AREA: 120sqm
No. 3 Abelardo St, Ideal Subdivision, Capitol District
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,877,000

LOT 22 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 370sqm
Lot 4, Blk 14, Kingston St, Vista Real Classica, Matandang Balara
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,415,000

LOT 23 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 300.4sqm
Lot 13, Blk 1, Phoenix St, Villa Orion Subdivision Fairview
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,379,000

LOT 24 - LOT ONLY
WITHDRAWN
LOT AREA 401.6sqm
Lot 21 B [illegible] Vil.,
D[illegible]
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 2,731,000

SAN JUAN

LOT 25 - CONDO
FLOOR AREA: 251.2sqm
Unit P-4, St. Francis Condo, Xavier St, Greenhills West
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 6,002,000

PASIG CITY

LOT 26 - CONDO
FLOOR AREA: 167.06sqm
Unit 604, Pearl Plaza Condo, Pearl Drive, Ortigas Center
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 4,544,000

MAKATI CITY

LOT 27 - CONDO
FLOOR AREA: 313sqm
Unit 1-B, G/F, Concorde Condo, Benavidez cor. Salcedo Sts. Legaspi Vil.
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 7,043,000

LOT 28 - CONDO
FLOOR AREA: 245sqm
Unit 4-A-2, 4/F, Concorde Condo, Benavidez cor Salcedo Sts, Legaspi Vil.
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 4,778,000

LOT 29 - CONDO
FLOOR AREA: 55.2sqm
Unit 414, 4/F, Windsor Towers Condo, No. 163 Legaspi St, Legaspi Vil.
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,595,000

LOT 30 - LOT & IMPRVMT
LOT AREA 229sqm
FLOOR AREA: 786sqm
No 5578 Binay cor. Ben Harrison Sts, Bgy. Pio del Pilar
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 5,427,000

LAS PIÑAS

LOT 31 - LOT & IMPRVMT
WITHDRAWN
LOT AREA 280sqm
FLOOR AREA [illegible]
No [illegible] Pilar Vil., Almanza
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,414,000

LOT 32 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 234sqm
Lot 8, Blk. 7, Jasmin St, Doña Leoncia Subd., Talon 5
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 796,000

LOT 33 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 319sqm
Lot 9, Blk. 7, Jasmin St, Doña Leoncia Subd., Talon 5
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,085,000

LOT 34 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 412sqm
Lot 21, Blk. 21-A, Esteban Cabaños (Romulus) St, BF Resort Vil IV, Talon Dos
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,576,000

LOT 35 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 971sqm
Lot 62-A, Blk 1, Padre Diego Cera Avenue, Bgy Aldana, Pulang Lupa
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 9,904,000

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LOT 36 - CONDO
FLOOR AREA: 164.62sqm
Unit 1203, Pacific Coast Plaza, Villamar 1st St, Tambo
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 3,499,000

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FLOOR AREA: 164.62sqm
Unit 1703, Pacific Coast Plaza, Villamar 1st St, Tambo
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Unit 1903, Pacific Coast Plaza, Villamar 1st St, Tambo
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 3,499,000

LOT 39 - CONDO
FLOOR AREA: 167.09sqm
Unit 1604, Pacific Coast Plaza, Villamar 1st St, Tambo
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 3,550,000

LOT 40 - LOT & IMPRVMT
LOT AREA 324sqm
FLOOR AREA: 241sqm
No. 8613 Diamante cor. Esmeralda Sts, Marcelo Green Vil., Ph IV
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,877,000

LOT 41 - LOT & IMPRVMT
WITHDRAWN
LOT AREA 199sqm
FLOOR AREA: 1[illegible]
Lot [illegible] Sts, BF Homes
(Nor[illegible])
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,449,000

MUNTINLUPA

LOT 42 - LOT & IMPRVMT
LOT AREA 2,008sqm
FLOOR AREA: 2,008sqm
RMT Industrial Subdivision, Tunasan
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 10,071,000

LOT 43 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 319sqm
Lot 26, Blk 3-E, Orange St, Ruby Park, Victoria Homes Tunasan
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 479,000

LAGUNA

LOT 44 - LOT & IMPRVMT
LOT AREA 324sqm
FLOOR AREA: 297sqm
#8 Ortega St. Barangay San Vicente, San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,420,000

LOT 45 - LOT & IMPRVMT
LOT AREA 240sqm
FLOOR AREA: 210sqm
157 Country Drive St. Country Homes Subdivision, Barangay Soro-soro, Biñan
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,260,000

LOT 46 - LOT & IMPRVMT
WITHDRAWN
LOT AREA 185sqm
FLOOR AREA: 310[illegible]
Cor Olym[illegible] Vila
Olym[illegible] Pedro
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,375,000

CAVITE

LOT 47 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 465sqm
Lot 21, Blk 2, Grand Cypress Rd., Southwoods, Manila Ph 1, Carmona
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,976,000

LOT 48 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 203sqm
Lot 1, Blk 1, Southwoods Villas, Salitran, Dasmariñas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 518,000

LOT 49 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 187sqm
Lot 3, Blk 1, Southwoods Villas, Salitran, Dasmarinas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 477,000

LOT 50 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 187sqm
Lot 4, Blk 1, Southwoods Villas, Salitran, Dasmarinas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 477,000

LOT 51 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 198sqm
Lot 9, Blk 3, Southwoods Villas, Salitran, Dasmarinas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 505,000

LOT 52 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 176sqm
Lot 11, Blk 3, Southwoods Villas, Salitran, Dasmarinas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 449,000

LOT 53 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 206sqm
Lot 12, Blk 3, Southwoods Villas, Salitran, Dasmarinas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 525,000

LOT 54 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 293sqm
Lot 13, Blk 3, Southwoods Villas, Salitran, Dasmarinas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 747,000

LOT 55 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 213sqm
Lot 14, Blk 3, Southwoods Villas, Salitran, Dasmarinas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 543,000

LOT 56 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA: 155sqm
Lot 15, Blk 3, Southwoods Villas, Salitran, Dasmarinas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 395,000

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LOT AREA 164sqm
Lot 16 Blk 3, Southwoods Villas, Salitran, Dasmariñas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 418,000

LOT 58 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 300sqm
Lot 17 Blk 4 Ph IA Orchard Residential Estate, Salitran, Dasmariñas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,020,000

LOT 59 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 325sqm
Lot 13 Blk 31 Jasmin St La Trinidad Subdivision, Quintana, Trece Martires City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 470,000

LOT 60 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 300sqm
Lot 15 Blk 31 Jasmin St La Trinidad Subdivision, Quintana, Trece Martires City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 434,000

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LOT 61 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 525sqm
Lot 28 Blk 107 Birmingham St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,027,000

LOT 62 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 510sqm
Lot 29 Blk 107 Birmingham St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 997,000

LOT 63 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 499sqm
Lot 30 Blk 107 Birmingham St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 976,000

LOT 64 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 493sqm
Lot 31 Blk 107 Birmingham St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 964,000

LOT 65 - LOT ONLY
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Lot 32 Blk 107 Birmingham St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 949,000

LOT 66 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 478sqm
Lot 33 Blk 107 Birmingham St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 934,000

LOT 67 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 470sqm
Lot 34 Blk 107 Birmingham St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 919,000

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LOT AREA 462sqm
Lot 35 Blk 107 Birmingham St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 904,000

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LOT AREA 454sqm
Lot 36 Blk 107 Birmingham St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 887,000

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LOT AREA 446sqm
Lot 37 Blk 107 Birmingham St
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LOT AREA 434sqm
Lot 38 Blk 107 Birmingham St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 848,000

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LOT AREA 440sqm
Lot 39 Blk 107 Birmingham St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 860,000

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Minimum Bid Price: PhP 796,000

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LOT AREA 1,058sqm (with club share)
Lot 2 Blk 52 Hakadate St
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Lot 20 Blk 59 Oxford St
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Lot 35 Blk 59 Oxford St
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LOT 91 - LOT ONLY
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Lot 1 Blk 62 Windsor St
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LOT 92 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 613sqm (with club share)
Lot 11 Blk 62 Windsor St
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LOT AREA 736sqm (with club share)
Lot 17 Blk 62 Windsor St
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LOT 94 - LOT ONLY
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LOT 95 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 893sqm (with club share)
Lot 17 Blk 49 Sydney St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,974,000

LOT 96 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 777sqm (with club share)
Lot 18 Blk 49 Sydney St
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LOT AREA 909sqm
Lot 1 Blk 7 Market St
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LOT 98 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 845sqm
Lot 2 Blk 7 Market St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,867,000

LOT 99 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 766sqm
Lot 3 Blk 7 Market St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,693,000

LOT 100 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 790sqm
Lot 4 Blk 7 Market St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,746,000

LOT 101 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 612sqm
Lot 5 Blk 7 Market St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,352,000

LOT 102 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 605sqm
Lot 6 Blk 7 Market St
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LOT 103 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 592sqm
Lot 7 Blk 7 Market St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,308,000

LOT 104 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 632sqm
Lot 8 Blk 7 Market St
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Lot 6 Blk 12 University St
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LOT AREA 713sqm
Lot 7 Blk 12 University St
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LOT 114 - LOT ONLY
LOT AREA 702sqm
Lot 8 Blk 12 University St
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Lot 9 Blk 12 University St
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LOT AREA 758sqm
Lot 10 Blk 12 University St
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Lot 11 Blk 12 University St
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4. # 20 Kudarat St., Phase 6 Bahayang Pag-asa Subd., Molino Bacoor, Cavite	129 sq.m.	w/ residential house / residential
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- ➢Copy of Civil Service Professional Eligibility
- ➢2 x 2 picture

The Director
Human Resource Development Service (HRDS)
6th Floor, Trade and Industry Building,
361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City 1200
Email: hrds@dti.dti.gov.ph; Tel: 890-5936;
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INVITATION FOR ACCREDITATION

The **PRIVITIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE (PMO)** will be accepting applications for accreditation from licensed private security agencies to replace two security agencies which services have been recently terminated by PMO.

Accreditation Forms shall be available for issuance at the Asset Management and Custodianship Division (AMCD) as indicated below upon presentation of original PNP/SAGSD license to operate, PADPAO certification and payment of P300.00 non-refundable fee. Both PNP/SAGSD-issued license to operate and PADPAO certification should be unexpired before the submission of the required accreditation forms. Security agencies that have been accredited by and currently doing business with PMO are not required to participate.

Deadline for submission of duly accomplished Accreditation Forms and other requirements shall be at 5:00 P.M. of **February 16, 2004**. Additional information may be furnished upon request. Please contact Mr. Mariano G. Cubacub, Deputy Privatization Officer or Mr. Loreto C. Santos, Security Officer at Tel. Nos. 817-6661 and 818-4625.

PRIVITIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE
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KINTECH TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, INC.

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

The **Kintech Technology Co., Inc.** is inviting interested parties to apply for pre-qualifications and to bid for the construction of Water Treatment Plant for 300 MLD Bulk Water Project in Laguna Lake Tunasan, Muntinlupa City.

The work consists of different components/bid packages for the site development, infrastructure, superstructure, pipe lines, and reservoirs among others.

Pre-qualification forms and other documents are available for issuance until the deadline on **February 5, 2004** at 3:00 p.m. at the Project Management Office at Unit 401 S&F Condo. 137 Panay Avenue, Quezon City: Last Day of Submission of Accomplish Pre-qualification Statement shall be received not later than **February 11, 2004** at 12:00 noon.

The Kintech reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, to waive any formality or technicality and to award to any bidder whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the Project owner.

PROJECT DIRECTOR

(PDI - Feb. 1, 2004)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agrarian Reform
SUPPORT TO AGRARIAN REFORM COMMUNITIES IN CENTRAL MINDANAO (STARCM)

NOTICE OF VACANT POSITIONS

STARCM is a special project of the Government of the Philippines funded by the European Union and implemented by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR). The project provides support for the development of agrarian reform communities in the provinces of Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur. The project is seeking to fill the following positions for local technical assistance specialists:

1. Rural Infrastructure Engineer (Iligan City)
2. Assistant Rural Infrastructure Engineer (Iligan City)
3. Infrastructure Project Inspectors (3 for Kidapawan City; 2 For Iligan City)
4. Materials Engineer (Kidapawan City)
5. Tree Crops Specialist (Iligan City)
6. Rural Enterprise Specialist (Iligan City)
7. Internal Auditor (1 for Kidapawan City; 1 for Iligan City)
8. Information & Communication Specialist (Kidapawan City)
9. LGU/ARC Coordinators (1 for Kidapawan City; 1 for Iligan City)

Applicants should have a Bachelor's degree in an appropriate discipline. Preference will be given to those with a Masters degree or comparable post graduate qualification. Applicants should have at least five (5) years relevant work experience and be willing to undertake extensive field work at sub-project sites thoroughout Central Mindanao. Must have excellent oral and written communication skills. Should be highly proficient in computer software applications.

An application letter including a resumé detailing duties, responsibilities and relevant experience should be addressed to The Project Co-Directors, STARCM Project Management Office, 3/F ROMA Building, Quezon Boulevard, 9400 Kidapawan City. Only short listed applicants will be notified. Previous applicants need not apply. Deadline of applications is **February 13, 2004**.

(Sgd.) **OSCAR A. MAMA**
National Project Director

(Sgd.) **GLYNN P. BAKER**
European Co-Director

(PDI--Feb. 1, 2004)

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DepEd Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City

DepED

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Education through the National Education Testing and Research Center (NETRC) is inviting all security printers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following packages/lots:

PACKAGE	LOT	DESCRIPTION	APPROVED BUDGET
A	1	Printing/Packaging of High School Screening Test's Testbooklets and Delivery and Retrieval of TBs and Answer Sheets	P16,065,000.00
	2	Printing of HSST Non-Classified Materials	P500,000.00
B	3	Printing/Packaging and Delivery of Elementary National Diagnostics Test's Testbooklets and Delivery and Retrieval of Answer Sheets only	P10,000,000.00
	4	Printing of NDT Non-Classified Materials	P500,000.00

All interested printers may avail of the bidding documents upon submission of a Letter of Intent and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00) starting January 27 - February 17, 2004 at the BAC Secretariat Office, Rm. 112-A, Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Pasig City or visit the DepEd Website at http://www.deped.gov.ph

A pre-bid conference will be held on February 10, 2004, 10:00 AM at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Bldg. 1, DepEd Complex, Pasig City. The deadline for the submission and opening of bids shall be on February 24, 2004 at the same time and place mentioned above.

DepEd-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive deficiencies embodied therein without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids. DepEd-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
Undersecretary
Chairman, DepEd-BAC

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2 contiguous residential lots, 600 sqms., 20 Kalakal St. and 66 Francisco St., San Rafael Vil
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2 sty. 11 dr apt., 468 sqms.
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18 Flora Ylagan St., BF Homes
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TARLAC
Res'l. lots w/improvement
Bgy. Sto Domingo, Capas
Selling Price: P4,670,000.00

BULACAN
Res'l. lot w/ 2 sty. res'l bldg.
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Bgy. Turo & Binang 2nd, Bocaue
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For inquiries, please call:
Asset Management & Disposition Division
Tel Nos.: 811-9960 to 63

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CORPORATE OFFICE

In reply please refer to
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Fax No (2) 921-2887
Telex No (722) 27947 MWSS PH

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) invites interested Contractors to apply for **Eligibility and to Bid** for the following, Pacquiao, contract, for the re-construction of the leaning perimeter fence at the La Mesa Reservoir.

Package No.	Description	Approved Budget Cost
Package No. 3	Re-construction of Leaning Perimeter Wall Fence along Litex Road, from Scopena Eatery & Vulcanizing Shop (Sta. 0+240) to Sta. 0+256; from in-front House #36 (Sta. 0+467) to in-front DOS Street (Sta. 0+532)	P455,220.00
Package No. 4	Re-construction of Leaning Perimeter Wall Fence along Litex Road, from Health Center (Sta. 0+563) to EMBC Construction Supply Hardware (Sta. 0+651)	P494,560.00
Package No. 5	Re-construction of Leaning Perimeter Wall Fence along Litex Road, with bar arm & barb wire and with Standard Height of 2.65 meters from: a) Sta. 0 + 651 to Sta. 0 + 671 b) Sta. 0 + 771 to Sta. 0 + 792 and Perimeter Fence at San Juan Reservoir	P522,660.00

The approved budget of the contract is chargeable against MWSS local funds. The contract duration for each Contract Package shall be 45 calendar days from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

All particulars regarding the documents to be submitted relative to this Invitation for Qualification/Eligibility, as well as all bidding requirements shall be governed by the provisions of RA 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. Those who have previously applied for eligibility and have been evaluated eligible for MWSS fencing projects need not submit eligibility documents and those who are not yet prequalified should submit their Qualification/Eligibility documents provided for under Section 23.6 of the IRR, not later than **February 13, 2004.**

The Bidding date is scheduled on **March 2, 2004** at 2:00 p.m. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by all interested eligible Bidder upon payment of a non-refundable fee in cash or in check payable to Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) in the amount of P500.00 starting **February 6, 2004** from the MWSS BAC Secretariat, Engineering & Project Management Dept., Ground Floor, MWSS Complex Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City.

The official timer for purposes of determining the official time shall be based on the bundy clock located at the Office of MWSS, BAC SECRETARIAT. Late bids will not be accepted.

All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security in any of the following:

a. Cash, Manager's Check, Cashier's Check, Irrevocable Letter of Credit, or Bank Draft - minimum of one (1%) percent of the Approved Budget Cost (ABC).
b. Bank Guarantee - minimum of one and a half (1 1/2%) percent of the Approved Budget Cost (ABC).
c. Surety Bond - minimum of two and a half (2 1/2%) percent of the Approved Budget Cost (ABC).

Only eligible bidders will be allowed to participate in the bidding. Eligible bidders may bid for the three (3) packages. However, only one (1) contract package will be awarded to one (1) Contractor. In the event that after the opening of the financial proposal and the evaluation of bids, only one (1) contractor was found to be the lowest evaluated bidder for the three (3) contract packages, the said bidder will be awarded the first contract package (Package 3). The second lowest bidders or the bidders next in rank for each of the succeeding contract packages (Package 4&5) will be awarded one (1) contract at the price of the lowest evaluated bidder for that particular contract package.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be conducted at the above address of the BAC SECRETARIAT on **February 20, 2004** at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Site Inspection of the project.

The MWSS reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to Contract award without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder/s or any obligation to inform them of the grounds for the MWSS' action.

(Sgd.) **ORLANDO C. HONDRADE**
Administrator

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106	G/F	21.85	610,004.84
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202	2/F	22.92	639,876.93
204	2/F	38.01	1,061,157.15
205	2/F	20.18	563,382.04
207	2/F	48.63	1,357,644.63
306	3/F	21.85	610,004.84
406	4/F	21.85	610,004.84
407	4/F	47.83	1,361,675.70
507	5/F	65.33	1,823,872.59
PH 1	Penthouse	125.46	3,502,572.40
A	Bmnt Prkg	10.25	223,226.51
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F	Bmnt Prkg	10.25	223,226.51
G	Bmnt Prkg	10.25	223,226.51
H	Bmnt Prkg	10.25	223,226.51
I	Bmnt Prkg	12.50	272,441.80
J	Bmnt Prkg	12.50	272,441.80
K	Bmnt Prkg	12.50	272,441.80

For inquiries, please call:
Asset Management & Disposition Division
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NFA assures stability of local rice prices

RICE prices remain stable and affordable despite the increasing trend in the price of the commodity in the world market.

National Food Authority Administrator Arthur C. Yap gave this assurance saying that the NFA has sufficient buffer stock to stabilize the rice market should prices exhibit abnormal increases especially during the lean production months.

Yap said last year NFA bought Thai rice at US$ 192.2 per metric tons, Cost and Freight at 25 percent brokens. Today, the indicative price for the same quality is quoted in the world market at US$218 per MT, C&F.

Thai rice is being used as benchmark for rice pricing in the world market.

Yap cited the NFA's aggressive palay procurement especially in the last quarter of 2003 when the agency even overshoot its procurement targets in some regions like Southern Tagalog, Ilocos and Western Visayas.

With its proactive palay buying, the NFA was able to buy some 294,410 metric tons of palay equivalent to 5.8 million bags in 2003, Yap noted.

He said he is confident the NFA will even exceed last year's palay procurement record with the current extensive use of hybrid rice and other high yielding palay varieties.

This year, the NFA has set aside P4 B for palay procurement and increased its target to 9.5 million bags from 6.7 million bags last year.

For queries, information, complaints and suggestions about NFA buying operations, the public is encouraged to coordinate with the nearest office of the agency in their respective localities or send text messages via cell phone number 09176210927.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES has received a loan from the ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) toward the cost of the Pasig River Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Project, and it is intended to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contract for which this Invitation for Bids is issued.
2. The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders from member countries of the ADB for the Supply and Delivery of Vacuum Tankers denominated as Contract No. VT-1 with the following capacity:

   Section A - Vacuum Tankers, 10 cubic-meter capacity - 30 units
   Section B - Vacuum Tankers, 5 cubic-meter capacity - 6 units

3. International Competitive Bidding (ICB) will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single Stage: One-Envelope Bidding Procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect Bidding Documents at the office address given below.

   THE MWSS BIDS AND AWARD COMMITTEE
   Ground Floor, Engineering Bldg.
   Metropolitan Waterworks & Sewerage System
   Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder upon submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in cash or in cashier's/manager's check payable to the METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM (MWSS) in the amount of two thousand (Php2,000.00) pesos or forty (US$40) US dollars.
6. Pre-Bid conference will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on **February 17, 2004.**
7. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in an amount of not less than 2% of the Bid Amount and must be delivered to the above address on or before 2:00 p.m. on **March 21, 2004.**
8. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend at 2:00 p.m. on **March 21, 2004** at the office of the MWSS BAC Chairman, Ground Floor, MWSS Engineering Bldg., Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City.

   The official timer for purposes of determining the official time shall be that of the bundy clock located at the office of the MWSS BAC, Chairman.

9. Late Bids will not be accepted.
10. MWSS reserves the right to accept or reject any bid at any time prior to contract award without incurring any liability to the affected bidders.

(Sgd.) **ORLANDO C. HONDRADE**
Administrator

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NOTICE OF LOSS

Araneta Center, Inc. announces the loss of Collector's Receipt Booklet Series 142301 to 142350 apparently since September 2003. Any purported transactions utilizing these receipts will not be honored.

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INVITATION TO BID

The United Nations Population Fund would like to invite interested parties to submit SEALED BIDS for its purchase of the medical equipment listed below. There should be two prices quoted for each item – one price for the item WITHOUT DELIVERY CHARGES and one price WITH DOOR-TO-DOOR DELIVERY CHARGES TO COTABATO CITY.

Forms for bidding may be gotten from and sealed bids submitted to
MS. CENONA BAGAIPO
at the UNFPA Office, 6th Floor, NEDA sa Makati Building
106 Amorsolo Legazpi Village, Makati City

Sealed Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. of Friday, 6 February 2004 and will be valid until 13 February 2004

Equipment	Quantity
Examining table with stirrups and cushion	25
Gooseneck lamp	25
Kelly pad	25
BP apparatus (mercurial), 300 calibration US made	13
BP apparatus (aneroid)	46
Rotating stool	8
Speculum, small, German-made, s.s.	18
Speculum, small, German-made, s.s.	22
Speculum, small, German-made, s.s.	27
Electric sterilizer, #14, made in India	12
Pick up forceps, German-made	46
Alligator forceps, 12 inches, German-made	17
Bathroom scale	17
Flash light (3-batteries)	12
Gas stove with LPG tank (2 burners)	12
Sterilizer (gas-fueled) with steamer, 26 cm diameter	4
Sterilizer (gas-fueled) with steamer, 42 cm diameter	4
Stethoscope, German-made	49
Dressing tray, s.s., 12 x 16 inches	9
Instrument tray with Mayo table, s.s. tray	10
Pelvic model, fiber glass	1
Breast model, fiber glass	1
Obstetric model, fiber glass	1
Male reproductive system model, fiber glass	1
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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY PREQUALIFICATION & TO BID

The Provincial Government of La Union, through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), San Fernando City, La Union, invites suppliers, manufacturers and/or distributors classified accordingly and registered with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) or SEC, to apply for pre-qualification and if qualified to bid for:

QUANTITY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	ABC
100	units	KARAOKE, 2000 watts 2 decks cassette player, AM/FM Radio, 3-mic inputs VCD auxillary, free mic	650,000.00
100	units	NEBULIZER, Devilviss	400,000.00
5,000	units	MONOBLOC Chairs without armrest	800,000.00
1,000	units	JETMATIC Handpump	
2,000	units	G.I. PIPE, s40 1 1/4"	
1,000	units	G.I. Coupling 1 1/4"	2,250,000.00
50	units	POWER SPRAYER 5 HP motorized with complete accessories hose & nozzle	1,950,000.00
50	units	WATER PUMP, 5.5 HP LAUNTOP, gasoline engine directly coupled to a 3" pump, 2 yrs. warranty, spare parts available	1,815,000.00
100	units	GRASSCUTTER with 2 blades metal & nylon, shoulder handle gasoline fed, 3 mos warranty for service	1,702,500.00
		MOLDEX HOUSE	
400	Pcs.	1-1/4"	
400	Pcs.	1-1/2"	
400	Pcs.	2"	2,320,000.00
		G.I. PIPES	
400	Pcs.	1-1/4"	
400	Pcs.	1-1/2"	
400	Pcs.	2"	1,040,000.00
1,000	Pcs.	BASKETBALL Balls with nets	525,000.00
1,000	Pcs.	VOLLEYBALL Balls with nets	570,000.00

Submission of LOI & Eligibility Requirements	– January 26, 2004
Issuance of Bid Documents	– February 2, 2004
Pre-Bid Conference	– February 4, 2004, 9:00 a.m. Diego Silang Hall
Deadline of Submission of Eligibility Requirements	– February 17, 2004, 9:00 a.m. Diego Silang Hall
Opening of Bids	– February 17, 2004, 9:00 a.m. Diego Silang Hall

All particulars relative to bonds, pre-bid conference, evaluation of bids, post qualifications, and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of R.A. 9184 and its implementing rules and regulations, as amended and other applicable rules and regulations.

The Provincial Government of La Union reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect contained therein, and to award the suppliers, manufacturers and/or distributors whose proposal as evaluated by the Provincial BAC of La Union the most advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) **GEOFFREY S. TILAN, Ed.D.**
Provincial Administrator
BAC, Chairman

(PDI–Jan. 28 & Feb. 1, 2004)

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Maynila, Pilipinas

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bids and Awards Committee of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) invites BSP, G-EPS registered companies/contractors and other interested suppliers to a public bidding for:

Lot	Qty/Unit	Particulars	Total Approved Budget for the Contract (per lot)
1.	28	Servers	
	320	PC Workstations, 512 MB DDRAM	P41,533,800.00
	34	PC Workstations, 256 MB DDRAM	
	124	Notebook/Laptop	
2.	95	Laser jet (network) Printer	
	512	Color Inkjet Printer	P 30,686,575.00
	398	24-Pin Dot Matrix Printer	
	326	9-Pin Dot Matrix Printer	
	2	Colored Laserjet Printer	
3	543	Uninterruptible Power Supply, 1 KVA	
	1	Uninterruptible Power Supply, 20 KVA	P 8,717,057.00

Delivery Period: Within forty-five (45) calendar days after receipt of the Purchase Order.

Bid documents may be obtained from **February 2, 2004** to **February 13, 2004** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P500.00 or .05% of the Total Approved Budget for the Contract per lot whichever is higher but not to exceed P50,000.00 at the following address:

BAC Secretariat,
Room 212, 2nd Floor, Five-Storey Building, Cor. A. Mabini and P. Ocampo Sr. Streets
Malate, Manila, Tel. Nos. 524-7011 loc. 3097 / 3098

Pre-Bid Conference Date and Time : **February 23, 2004 (Lot 1) at 10:00 A.M.**
February 24, 2004 (Lot 2 & 3) at 10:00 A.M.
Bidding Date and Time : **March 9, 2004, not later than 10:00 A.M.**
Place : **Room MR2A, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey Building, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Main Complex, Malate, Manila**

Interested bidders must submit not later than the aforesaid date and time the following documents in three (3) separate envelopes:

Envelope No. 1:
1. Articles of Incorporation and Business Registration Papers;
2. Y2002 Audited Financial Statements (Income Statement and Balance Sheet);
3. Y2002 Income Tax Return,
4. Taxpayer's Identification Number;
5. Valid and current Mayor's permit/municipal license;
6. Prospective bidder's computation of Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC) which shall be at least equal to the ABC, duly signed by the authorized signing official and supported with permanent documents, i.e. financial statements and copies of on-going project contract/P.O.s. or a commitment from a licensed bank to extend a credit line if awarded the contract to be bid, or a cash deposit certificate in an amount not lower than 10% of the ABC
7. Duly notarized statement that the firm is not blacklisted from bidding in any Government Office, Agency, Corporation,
8. Letter authorizing the BAC or its duly authorized representative to verify any or all of the documents submitted for eligibility check;
9. Duly notarized certification by the prospective bidder or his authorized representative that each of the documents submitted is an original copy or a true and faithful reproduction or copy of the original,
10. Current distributorship/dealership contract with the manufacturer of the item/s to be supplied,
11. Reference sites/successful installations with at least three (3) completed projects of similar nature (complete with contact person, address and telephone/fax nos.);
12. List of service centers nationwide (duly notarized), and
13. Certificate of quality assurance for the product manufacturer (e.g., ISO, BVI and other reputable standard issuing authority).

Envelope No. 2:
1. Instructions to Bidders
2. Certification of Compliance with terms and conditions of the bidding;
3. Original bid security, and
4. Brochure(s) of the unit(s) to be offered indicating the brand and model number and information, i.e., product/operation data and Manufacturer's installation instructions, necessary for evaluation purposes.

Envelope No. 3 – Price Proposal

All envelopes shall be dropped in the bid box located at the abovementioned place. **LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The BSP assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate and indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of their bids.

The BSP reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals, or declare the bidding a failure, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **WILFREDO B. DOMO-ONG**
Vice-Chairman

(PDI – February 1, 2004)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila
Telephone No.: 743-83-01 to 23

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTANT SERVICES)

Philippines
Second Women's Health and Safe Motherhood Project (2WHSMP)
CONSULTING SERVICES
Grant No. TF051880

Expressions of Interest

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a Grant from the Policy and Human Resources Development Fund (PHRD) through the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Grant to payments under the contract for the Baseline Research. The services expected to be completed in eight (8) months includes Population Based Sample Survey and a Government facility based survey that utilizes multiple methods of data collection.

The Department of Health now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers*, January 1997 (revised September 1997, January 1999 and May 2002)

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below by no later than February 16, 2004.

ALEXANDER A. PADILLA
Chairperson
Central Office Bids and Awards Committee

Attention : MA. VIRGINIA G. ALA, MD, MPH
Head, Unified Project Management Division
Bureau of International Health Cooperation
1st Floor, Bldg. 3, San Lazaro Compound
Sta. Cruz, Manila
Tel.#7438301 locs. 1302 and 1304
Fax: 7116685
E-mail: whsmp@doh.gov.ph

(Sgd.) **ALEXANDER A. PADILLA**
Undersecretary

(PDI–February 1, 2004)

UNFPA

INVITATION TO BID

The United Nations Population Fund would like to invite interested parties to submit SEALED BIDS for the sale of the vehicle described below.

Forms for bidding may be gotten from and sealed bids submitted to
MS. CENONA BAGAIPO
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106 Amorsolo Legazpi Village, Makati City

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(PDI–February 1, 2004)

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KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DepEd Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PSD 04-01-20

The Department of Education through the Payroll Services Division is inviting all suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the Supply and Delivery of 3,500 boxes of Tabulating Stock Forms, 5 ply, size - 11" x 14 7/8", graylines with both sides perforation, 70 gsm for the 1st sheet and 56 gsm for the 2nd to 5th sheets. The approved budget for the supply and delivery shall be P2,362,500.00.

All interested suppliers may avail of the bidding documents upon submission of a Letter of Intent and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00) starting January 26 - February 13, 2004 at the BAC Secretariat Office, Rm. 112-A, Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Pasig City or visit the DepEd Website at http://www.deped.gov.ph

A pre-bid conference will be held on February 6, 2004, 10:00 AM at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Bldg. 1, DepEd Complex, Pasig City. The deadline for the submission and opening of bids shall be on February 20, 2004 at the same time and place mentioned above.

DepEd-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive deficiencies embodied therein without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids. DepEd-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
Undersecretary
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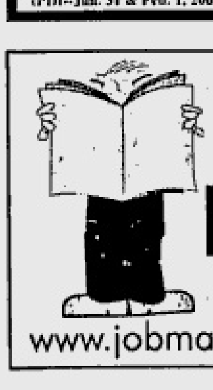
(PDI–Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 2004)



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of Bacoor, Cavite and Tañong, Malabon City

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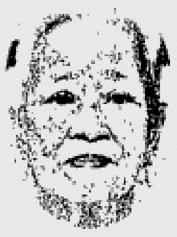
Peacefully joined his Creator on January 31, 2004.

His loving wife **DR. JUSTINA GAZA-BERNARDO**; children & children-in-law **PATRICIA & ARVIN PASCUAL, LYNETTE,** and **ABIGAIL & ALLAN MANGULABNAN**; grandchildren **PAUL, PATRICK, PATRIVIN, ALJAY, ELGIE, MONETTE, PIA, KRISTOFFER, KHALIL & PAUL, JR.**; brothers, sisters and in-laws **REGALADO (†) & ASUNCION CALARA, ARCELI & RICARDO (†) SARINO, EDGARDO (†) & LOURDES (†) LOPEZ, CORAZON & BENJAMIN (†) COSCA, ABELARDO (†) & CARMELITA AQUINO, LUCY & LEONARDO HERNANDEZ, MANUEL & BELLA LEVARDO; ZENAIDA GAZA & JOSE BUENSUCESO, GLORIA (†), FELIPE (†) & RAMONA RAMOS, VICTOR, JR. & PURITA AUSTRIA, DR. CARMELITA GAZA & CARLOS LAPUS**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the family residence at #44 Rivera St., Tañong, Malabon City and will be transferred to #25 Real St., Bacoor, Cavite on February 3, 2004 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Interment will be announced later.

MESSAGE OF THANKS



We, the family of our dearly beloved

CORAZON CARLOS LINSAO

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord on January 6, 2004

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all those who offered masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy; gave donations, kept vigil and attended funeral rites, and who in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our hour of bereavement.

Husband: **Retired Colonel Jose M. Linsao**; children: **Dely & Verne Richmond, Zeny & Jim Beberdick, Medy (†) & Bert Reaña, Rolan (†), Edgar & Vicky Linsao, Josie & Cholo Henson** and **Joey (Jose, Jr.) & Susan Linsao**; grandchildren: **Sheila, Auggie & Arlene, Lee & Jen, Michael (†), Michelle, May Anne & Biboy, Shaun & Connie** and **Jason**; great grandchildren: **CJ & Jadon**; brothers & sisters, in-laws, nephews, nieces and faithful companion **Felicing** (†).

May we request those whose lives she has touched to continue to pray for her eternal repose. May her memory lives in our hearts forever.

"Even when I walk
through a dark valley,
I feel no harm. For you
are at my side, your rod
and staff give me
courage..."
Psalm 23:4

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

HENRIETTA MANLAPAZ ENANO

sincerely convey our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who offered Masses, prayers, messages of sympathy, gave donations, visited and kept vigil, attended days of prayer and funeral rites, and who in countless and immeasurable ways, condoled with and comforted us in our time of sorrow.

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MESSAGE OF THANKS
DEATH ANNIVERSARY
REQUIEMS

COL. BENJAMIN G. TOTANES, SR. (Ret.)

1935-2004

A beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, teacher, and military officer went to be with the Lord on 22 January 2004 in Manteca, California, USA.

His survivors include his wife **Jean**; his children: **Benjo** and wife **Emily**, **Edgar** and wife **Teena**, **Melissa** and **Christopher**; his grandchildren: **Sean, Kristine**, and **Erika**; and his brothers and sisters: **Ernie, Tessie, Cora, Lori, Ver, Jun, Stan** and **Virgie**, and their families.

His family will receive relatives and friends at the Camp Aguinaldo Mortuary (behind St. Ignatius Cathedral) beginning on Monday, February 2, 2004. Necrological services will be held immediately after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, February 4.

Interment will be on Thursday, February 5, 2004, 12:00 noon at the Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Quezon City.

In loving memory
on the 1st death anniversary of

MICHAEL DANTE C. DE RIVERA

who died on February 1, 2003

His loving parents **Wilma & Dante**; brother **Brandy** and sister **Krystene** request relatives, friends and all those whose lives he has touched to offer a prayer for the eternal repose of his soul.

Our Dearly Beloved

VICENTE C. TEODORO

of Poblacion, Plaridel, Bulacan

Peacefully joined his Creator on January 30, 2004 at the age of 76.

His remains lie in state at the family residence.

Interment will be at the St. James Memorial Park on Monday, February 2, 2004 after the 3:00 p.m. Mass at the St. James the Apostle Parish Church.

The family requests your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

ALBERTO CORTEZ MONTELLANO, SR. M.D.

November 21, 1910 – January 30, 2004

His wife **Amparing**; children **Artur & Terry, Albert & Butch, Becky, Wo & Irene** and **Eddieboy & Vivien**; grandchildren **Jay & Rebecca, Therese & Shawn, Vanni, Monti, Aissa & Ela, Isabella, Bimbo, Vincent, Genene & Nikos** and **RV & Poch**, other relatives and friends request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Dr. A. Santos Ave., Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

Interment will be announced later. For further details, please contact **Albert** (0917-347-6476) or **Monti** (0918-345-5144).

IN MEMORIAM

On the Sixth Death Anniversary of

CORAZON R. CUI

On the 1st of February 2004, her 6th death anniversary, Masses and prayers will be offered at St. Paul's Parish, Richmond, BC, Canada, St. James the Great Parish, Ayala Alabang, Mary Mother of Good Counsel Church, Marcelo Green Village.

We are very grateful to all who keep our beloved **CORITO** in their memory and continue to pray for her.

Mackie, Gabby, Rosabel, Carla, Mako
and grandson Zachary

BENJAMIN V. MACEDA, SR.

(March 30, 1920 – January 30, 2004)

Former Service Manager of the Northern Motors, Inc.

Peacefully joined our Loving Father
after receiving the Last Sacraments.

His loving wife **Norma** (†); children **Benjie & Chit Manzanilla, Manny & Catherine Paredes**, and **Normita** (†); grandchildren **Chatti** and **Tin-tin**; sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews and nieces, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Homes, Guadalupe, Makati City until February 4, 2004 (8:00 a.m.) and will be transferred to the Philippine Independence Church in Pagsanjan, Laguna.

Interment will be on February 5, 2004 after the 2:00 p.m. Mass.

JOSE "Peping" ARAGON TAN

(War Veteran, A Filipino Inventor of Pasay City, and a Good Father)

Died in the Grace of our Lord on January 30, 2004 at the age of 90.

His beloved wife **Rustica**,
Children: **Riz & Ramon Dionisio, Lily & John Sy, Evelyn & Johnny Thai**, and **Theresa**;
Grandchildren: Rica, Ryan & Roy; Laurence, Johanna, Ann Marie, JanMichael; Jamille, Justine and **Janzen**
request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Chapel C of Christ The King Church, Greenmeadows Subdivision, Pasig City.

Interment will be on **Wednesday, February 4, 2004** at the Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at the Christ The King Church.

Please omit flowers.

Chief Engr. Rogelio Tomas Lagda

Died in the Grace of our Lord on January 27, 2004 at the age of 58.

His wife **Fe**; children **Rhoda** and **Marie**, sisters and in-laws, nephew and nieces, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at his family residence at 008 San Juan II, Noveleta, Cavite.

Interment will be on Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at Paradise Memorial Park after the 3:00 p.m.

We design OBITUARIES for free.

In Loving Memory

CONRADO V. VILLANUEVA

on his First Death Anniversary
February 1, 2004

Holy Mass will be offered today at the following churches:

Basilica of the Immaculate Concepcion, Batangas City	6:15 a.m.
Sto. Niño Parish Church, Bahayang Pag-asa, Molino, Bacoor, Cavite	6:00 a.m.
Sta. Cruz Parish Church, Sta. Cruz, Manila	8:00 a.m.
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Sun Valley, Parañaque City	9:30 a.m.
Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene, St. John the Baptist Parish, Quiapo, Manila	11:00 a.m.

His family would like to thank relatives, friends and readers who remember him in prayer.

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10 DIABLO

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5 STUCK ON YOU
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11 TWINS EFFECT
12 DIABLO

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STUCK ON YOU 10:10, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50 DOLBY	DIABLO 11:30, 1:40, 3:50, 6:00, 8:10, 10:00 SDDS	A TALE OF TWO SISTERS 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40 DTS

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1 A TALE OF TWO SISTERS DOLBY

2 STUCK ON YOU SDDS

DIABLO DOLBY	BROTHER BEAR DOLBY DIGITAL	MEMENTO MORI DOLBY DIGITAL
KILL BILL DOLBY	LORD OF THE RINGS THE RETURN OF THE KING	THE LAST SAMURAI DOLBY

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1 A THE LAST SAMURAI DOLBY

2 THE TWINS EFFECT DOLBY

STUCK ON YOU DOLBY	KILL BILL DOLBY	BROTHER BEAR DOLBY
LORD OF THE RINGS THE RETURN OF THE KING DOLBY	DIABLO DOLBY	A TALE OF TWOS SISTERS DOLBY

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1 BROTHER BEAR
2 THE LAST SAMURAI
3 DIABLO
4 STUCK ON YOU

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1 THE LAST SAMURAI
2 A TALE OF TWO SISTERS
3 STUCK ON YOU
4 BROTHER BEAR

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1 BROTHER BEAR
2 LOTR 3
3 STUCK ON YOU
4 THE GATHERING
5 THE LAST SAMURAI

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1 LOTR 3
2 LOST ISLAND
3 THE LAST SAMURAI
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2 THE LAST SAMURAI
3 BROTHER BEAR
4 LOTR 3
5 KILL BILL

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1 THE LAST SAMURAI
2 LOTR 3
3 BROTHER BEAR
4 STUCK ON YOU
5 DIABLO
6 A TALE OF TWO SISTERS

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1 LOTR 3
2 BROTHER BEAR
3 THE GATHERING
4 MEMENTO MORI
5 LOST ISLAND
6 THE LAST SAMURAI

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1 THE LAST SAMURAI
2 KILL BILL
3 LOTR 3
4 GOOD BOY
5 LOST ISLAND
6 BRIDAL SHOWER

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1 KILL BILL
2 MYSTIC RIVER
3 INTOLERABLE CRUELTY
4 THE LAST SAMURAI
5 THE GRUDGE 1
6 LOTR 3

Stuck on You

Brother Bear
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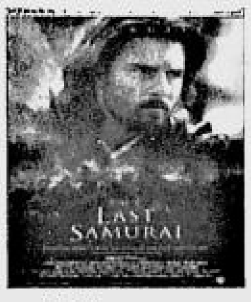

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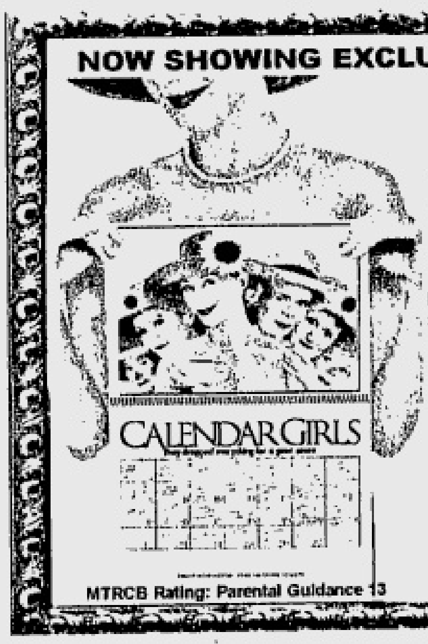

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	6 STUCK ON YOU			
	7 KILL BILL			

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1	STUCK ON YOU 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 PG-13
2	THE LAST SAMURAI 12:20, 3:35, 6:50, 10:15 PG-13
3	BROTHER BEAR 10:30, 12:30, 2:30 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 GP
4	A TALE OF TWO SISTERS 11:45, 2:15, 4:45 7:15, 10:00 PG-13

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Ali 1	A TALE OF TWO SISTERS
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MANILA

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MIRAMAR	SEX BOMB / RAMPADORA
ODEON	X-MEN 2
ODEON-2	BUKID AY BASA / KASIBULAN
ROBEN	BOLD STAR
TANDEM-1	SUGAT
TANDEM-2	KATAWAN MO LANGIT KO
TIMES	SPY / LEGEND OF CROCODILE

QUEZON CITY

ACT-1	SENSUAL ISLAND
ACT-2	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
ACT-3	ORIGINAL SIN
ACT-4	HANGGANG KAILAN KA PAPATAY
CORONET A	BAKAT / DOUBLE SEDUCTION
CORONET B	A MAN APART
QUEZON-1	BERTUD NG PUTIK
REMAR	X-MEN 2
REMAR-2	BOLD STAR

NOVA MALL - NOVALICHES CINEMA

A	SEX SCANDAL
B	LORD OF THE RINGS
C	

MANDALUYONG CITY

SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL	635-20-79 / 633-78-51 TO 70
CINEMA-1	CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
CINEMA-2	CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

CAINTA RIZAL

STA. LUCIA EAST	(681-5401 TO 19)
CINEMA-1	KILL BILL
CINEMA-2	PURI
CINEMA-3	MALIKMATA
CINEMA-4 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	LAST SAMURAI
CINEMA-5 (DTS)	CAPTAIN BARBELL
CINEMA-6	MALIKMATA
CINEMA-7	MEMENTO MORI
CINEMA-8	TWINS EFFECT
CINEMA-9 (DTS)	LAST SAMURAI
CINEMA-10 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	BROTHER BEAR
CINEMA-11 (SDDS)	STUCK ON YOU
CINEMA-12	LOTR 3: RETURN OF THE KING
CINEMA-14	A TALE OF TWO SISTERS
CINEMA-15	DIABLO

LORES

CINEMA-2	SENSUAL ISLAND
CINEMA-3	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT

NE CINEMAGIC - CABANATUAN

(LAS PIÑAS)	LORD OF THE RINGS 3
CINEMA-1	KILL BILL
CINEMA-2	BANGKOK HAUNTED
CINEMA-4	CABIN FEVER

UNIWIDE COASTAL MALL

(PARAÑAQUE)	SENSUAL ISLAND
CINEMA-1	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
CINEMA-2	MEN IN BLACK II
CINEMA-4	SELDA

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1 (SDDS)	STUCK ON YOU
2 (SDDS)	A TALE OF TWO SISTER
3 (DTS)	LAST SAMURAI
4 GOLD (DTS)	LAST SAMURAI
5 GOLD (DOLBY)	STUCK ON YOU
6 GOLD (SDDS)	LOTR: RETURN OF THE KING
7 GOLD (DOLBY)	BROTHER BEAR
8	DIABLO
9	KILL BILL
10	BROTHER BEAR

EASTWOOD CINEMAS

(Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave (C-5) Quezon City) tel 687.6963 or 72

1 (DOLBY)	STUCK ON YOU
2 (DOLBY)	LAST SAMURAI
3 (DOLBY)	BROTHER BEAR
4 (DOLBY)	A TALE OF TWO SISTER

Masagana CINEMA

(Pasay) tel 833.3290 833.3274

1	PURI
2	BROTHER BEAR
3	LAST SAMURAI

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(Mandaluyong) tel 724.4986

1	BROTHER BEAR
2	STUCK ON YOU
3	DIABLO
	LAST SAMURAI
4 (DOLBY DIGITAL EX)	PURI
5	

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1	PURI
2	LOTR: RETURN OF THE KING
3	LAST SAMURAI
4	DIABLO
5	STUCK ON YOU
6	BROTHER BEAR

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(Las Piñas) tel 873.5004

1	LOTR: RETURN OF THE KING
2	BRIDAL SHOWER

PREMIERE CINEMA

(Makati City) tel 892.2503

THX

Centre Plaza Cinema

(Balanga, Bataan) tel (047) 237.7007

1	LOTR: RETURN OF THE KING
2	HOME COMING

Sunshine

(FTI, Taguig) tel 838.4301 loc. 3376

1	KING RAT
2	WILD BUTTERFLY
3	
4	

GOTESCO CINEMA

Gotesco City

(Manila) tel 734.8588

RESERVE

5	
6	
7 (DTS)	
8 (SDDS)	
9 (DOLBY)	

Gotesco Grand Central

(Caloocan) tel 364.3781

1	PURI
2	A TALE OF TWO SISTERS
3	TWIN EFFECTS
4 (SDDS)	DIABLO
5	STUCK ON YOU
6 (DOLBY)	BROTHER BEAR
7 (DTS)	LAST SAMURAI
8	LOTR: RETURN OF THE KING
9	MAPUSOK

Gotesco Commonwealth

tel 951.0083

RESERVE

1	
2 (SDDS)	
3 (DTS)	
4 (DOLBY)	
5	

Gotesco Ortigas

tel 656.6795

1	STUCK ON YOU
2	BROTHER BEAR
3 (DTS)	LOTR: RETURN OF THE KING
4	MAPUSOK
5 (SDDS)	LAST SAMURAI

Universal

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1	RESERVE

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MARKETPLACE Mandaluyong

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1	LAST SAMURAI
2	STUCK ON YOU
3	MAPUSOK
4	BROTHER BEAR

Isetann Cinerama Complex Recto SUPER CINERAMA

tel 733.4238

1 (DOLBY)	LAST SAMURAI
2	A TALE OF TWO SISTERS
3	BROTHER BEAR
4	STUCK ON YOU
5	MAPUSOK

Berma Cinema

(Baclaran) tel 879.2030 / 879.2029

1	LAST SAMURAI
2	BRIDAL SHOWER

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ALI MALL CINEPLEX 7

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1	A TALE OF TWO SISTERS
2	DIABLO
3 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	LAST SAMURAI
4 (SDDS)	LOTR: RETURN OF THE KING
5 (DTS)	KILL BILL
6	STUCK ON YOU
7	BROTHER BEAR

Jade Cinema

(Angeles City) tel (045) 887.5001 to 03

1	LAST SAMURAI
2	BROTHER BEAR
3	KILL BILL
4	LOST ISLAND

Cine Nepo

(Angeles City) tel (045) 887.0121

1	LAST SAMURAI
2	BROTHER BEAR
3 (DOLBY)	KILL BILL
4	LOTR: RETURN OF THE KING

Cine Nepo

(Dagupan City) tel (075) 515.8489

1	THE GRUDGE
2	LOST ISLAND
3 (DOLBY)	BUFALLO SOLDIER
4	DOBLE SEDUCTION

CINEMA 2000

Cinema 2000 Target Mall

(Sta. Rosa, Laguna) tel (049) 837.0926

1	STUCK ON YOU
2	MAPUSOK
3 (DTS)	LAST SAMURAI

Cinema 2000 Waltermart

(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7383

1	BROTHER BEAR
2 (DTS)	STUCK ON YOU
3 (DOLBY)	LAST SAMURAI
4	SKY OF LOVE

Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall

(Biñan) tel (049) 411.1146

1	STUCK ON YOU
2 (DOLBY)	BROTHER BEAR
3 (DTS)	LAST SAMURAI
4	THE GATHERING

Cinema 2000 Cinemagix

(Urdaneta) tel (075) 568.6771

1	BRIDALSHOWER
2	SCARY MOVIE
3 (DOLBY)	LOTR: RETURN OF THE KING

Cinema 2000 Metrotown

(Tarlac) tel (045) 982.1729

1	GOOD BOY
2	KILL BILL
3 (DOLBY)	LOTR: RETURN OF THEE KING
4 (DTS)	LOST ISLAND

Cinema 2000 Waltermart

(Plaridel) tel (044) 795-3320

1	LOTR: RETURN OF THEE KING
2	LAST SAMURAI
3	BROTHER BEAR

Lianas Cinema

(Alabang) tel 850.1276

1 (SDDS)	ALIPIN
2	GAWIN SA DILIM
3	MAPUSOK
4 (DTS)	SKY OF LOVE

Lianas MovieCity

(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202

1 (DOLBY)	STUCK ON YOU
2	MAPUSOK
3 (DTS)	LAST SAMURAI
4	SKY OF LOVE
5	BROTHER BEAR

Olivarez Tri-Cinema

(Biñan) tel (049) 511.8883

1	STUCK ON YOU
2	MAPANUKSO

Olivarez Los Baños

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1	LAST SAMURAI
2	STUCK ON YOU
3	MAPANUKSO

Mega Center Mall

(Cabanatuan City) tel (044) 463.3283

1	LOTR: RETURN OF THEE KING
2	KILL BILL
3 (DTS)	BANGKOK HAUNTED
4 (DOLBY)	TRAIL

Cabuyao

(Laguna City) tel 520.8914

1 (DTS)	RESERVE

Fiesta World Mall

(Lipa) tel (043) 981.0790

1	AMERICAN PSYCHO
2	LOST ISLAND
3	MYSTICK RIVER
4	LOTR RETURN OF THE KING

Emperor

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1	DOBLE SEDUCTION
2	STAR RUNNER

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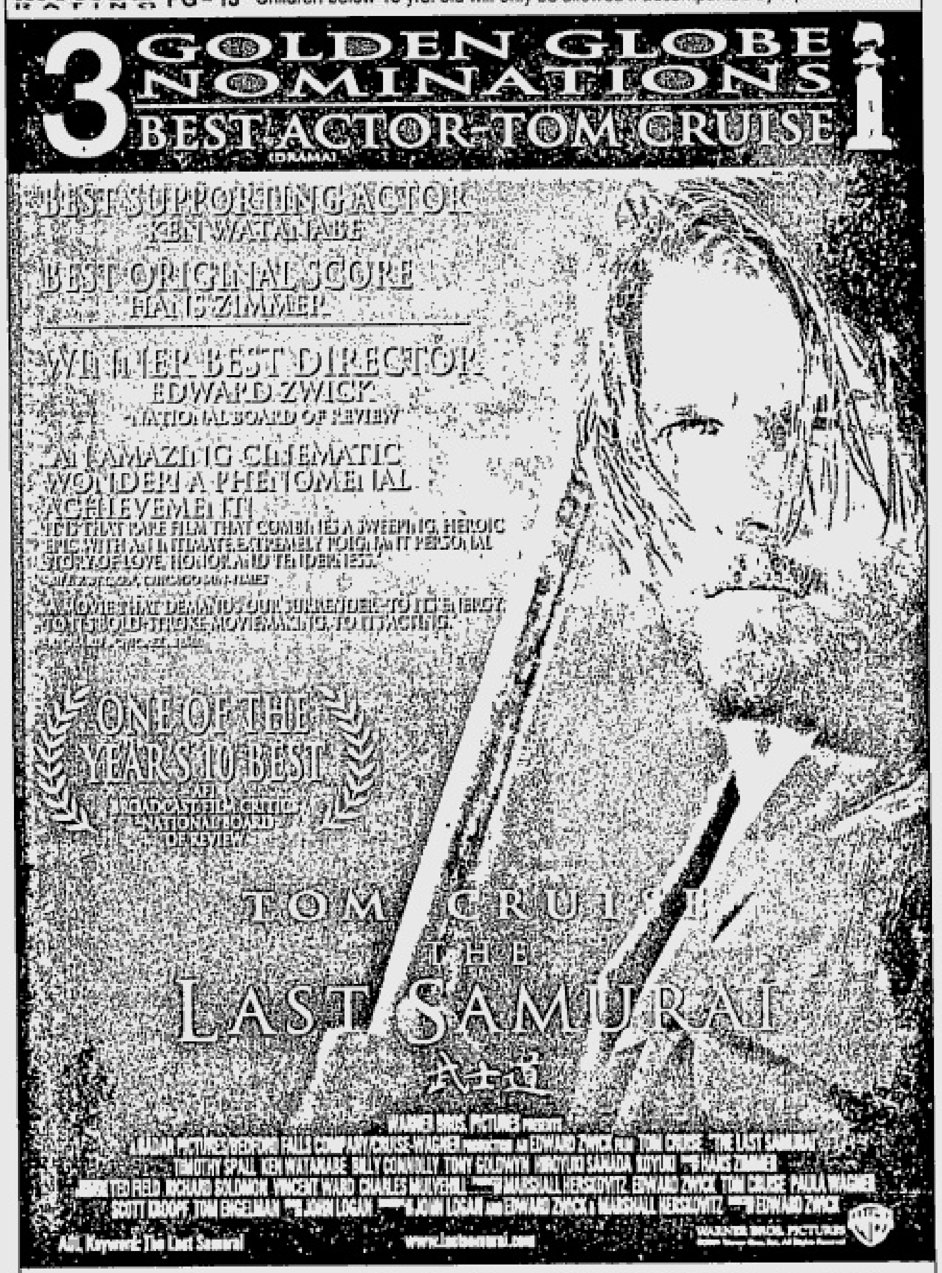

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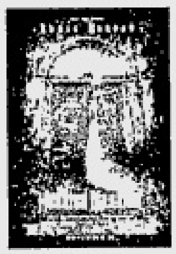

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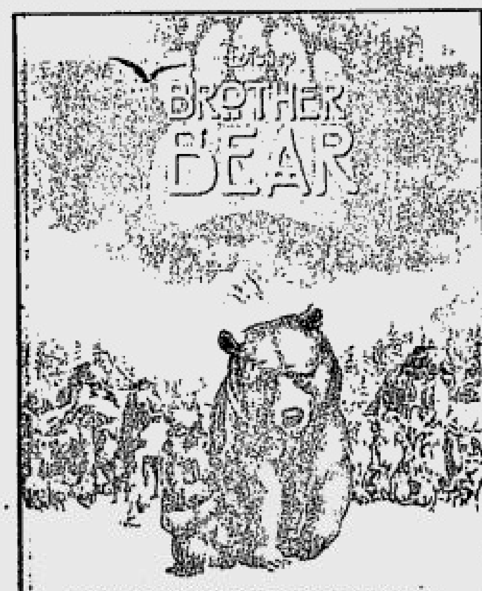

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how to live.
julia roberts
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Julia Roberts dazzles in 'Mona Lisa Smile'

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Academy Award®-winner Julia Roberts heads a powerhouse cast with today's hot young Hollywood actresses - Kirsten Dunst (*Spider-Man*) and Julia Stiles (*Save the Last Dance, 10 Things I Hate About You*) - in an uplifting, heart-wrenching, and often-times funny drama.

Julia Roberts stars as Katherine, a teacher who challenges her bright female students, and discovers herself along the way.

Mike Newell, director of romantic comedy *Four Weddings & a Funeral,* megs a must-see movie to capture your heart and put a smile on your face.

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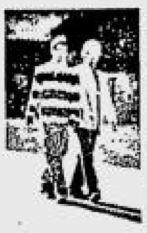
A new comedy from the directors of "There's Something About Mary" and "Shallow Hal"

Academy Award® Winner Matt Damon and Oscar® Nominee Greg Kinnear play



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Bob and Walt Tenor are small-town legends who excel at sports

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Matt Damon
Greg Kinnear
Stuck on You
A Farrelly Outrageous Comedy.

When the acting opportunity bites WALT, he convinces BOB to head west to Hollywood. Bob and Walt make fast friends with their sexy neighbor April (EVA MENDES) who helps Walt land a grizzled agent.

Things finally begin to look up for Walt when they meet the

legendary diva Cher who casts Walt as her co-star in her new TV series, and Walt propels to the top. That's when the brothers become instant celebrities.

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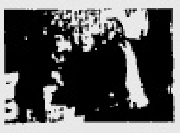

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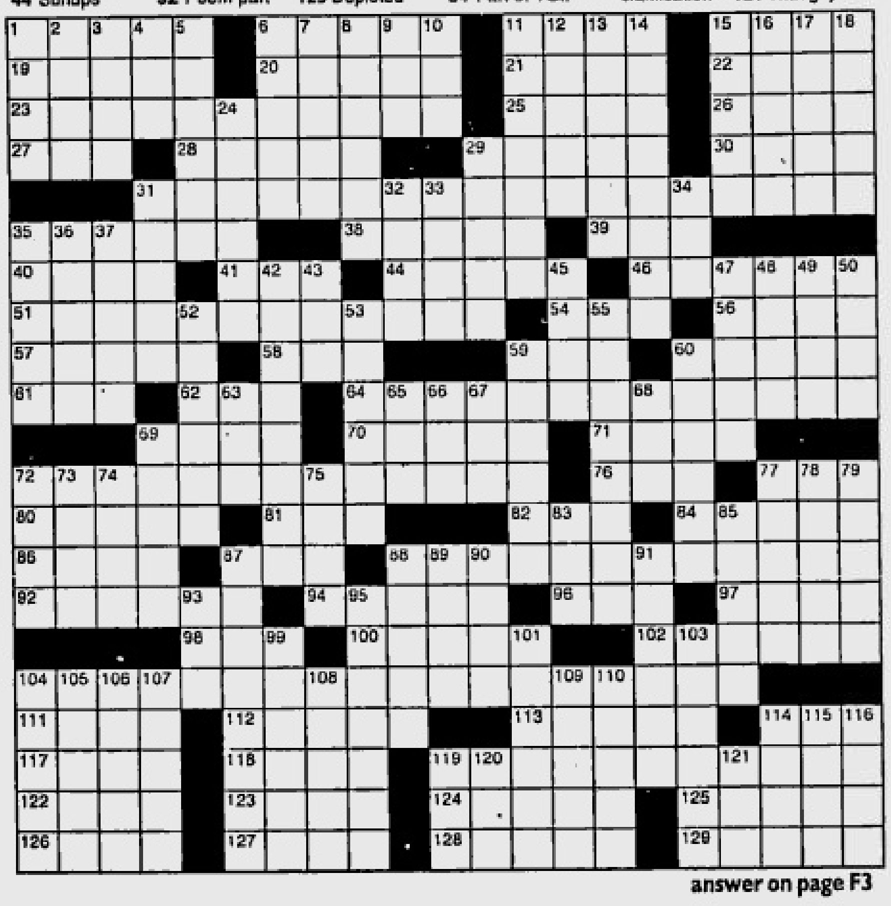

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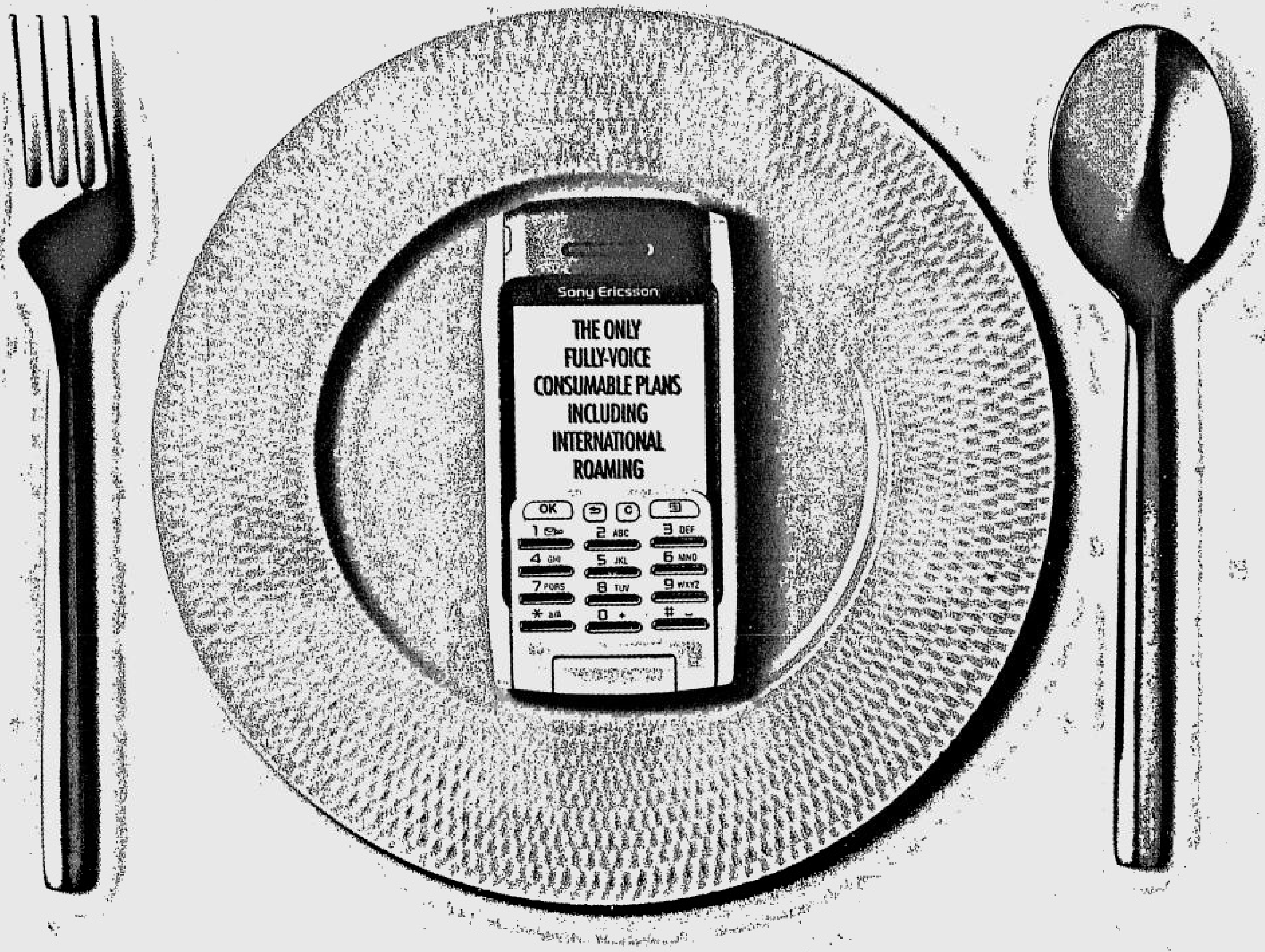

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MILLER: Biggest battle

By Nini Valera

SEXY starlet Hanni Miller, whose movie "Puri," is the year's first blockbuster, is facing the biggest battle of her life: cancer.

Hanni, 22, who was paid only P20,000 for the lead role in the movie directed by Buboy Tan and produced by ATB-4 on a shoestring budget, was diagnosed to be suffering from hyper plasia.

According to the doctor she had consulted last week, this is the first stage of ovarian cancer, Hanni said.

She told INQUIRER Entertainment last Jan. 22, a day after "Puri" opened in Metro Manila theaters, that she had been bleeding for ten days. When Hanni finally consulted a doctor last Monday, she was told that her ailment was serious and might lead to a radical hysterectomy or removal of her ovaries.

"I cried. I couldn't believe this could happen to me," she said. "When I told my mother (who lives in Hong Kong) about my condition, she also cried. She said I was too young to be this sick, to be not able to have a baby anymore."

More hope

But a second opinion, which Hanni sought later last week, had given her more hope.

Hanni told INQUIRER Entertainment last Friday that another doctor she had consulted was more optimistic about her condition. But the final results of her tests will be released tomorrow.

"This doctor said this might only be chronic endometrial polyps, a rare case, in someone as young as I am," Hanni explained. "It means that my estrogen level is higher than the progesteron in my body."

The doctor assured Hanni that if arrested in time, her condition is reversible. She will be under complete medication next week, Hanni said.

This is the worst time that Hanni could be sick. With "Puri" a certified blockbuster, the actress, who was a former singer in a band, had received several offers from other independent movie producers.

Last week, she accepted the title role in director Edward Espiritu's "Makamandag si Adora," produced by Camel Films. Her talent fee for the movie is P20,000 per day, for a 15-day shoot, representing a major leap from her "Puri" salary.

Hard choices

But because of her medical problems, Hanni is thinking very hard about accepting more bold movies.

This is not the first time the actress had been stricken with a life-threatening disease.

When she was 16, Hanni was diagnosed with leukemia.

"My gums were bleeding, and I had hematoma all over my body," she related. "I was treated for it and was cured. But doctors told me the leukemia might recur in old age."

In 2001, Hanni also underwent minor surgery for polyps. A graduate of Physical Therapy, Hanni researched about it while undergoing treatment for eight months.

Religion has also come into the picture.

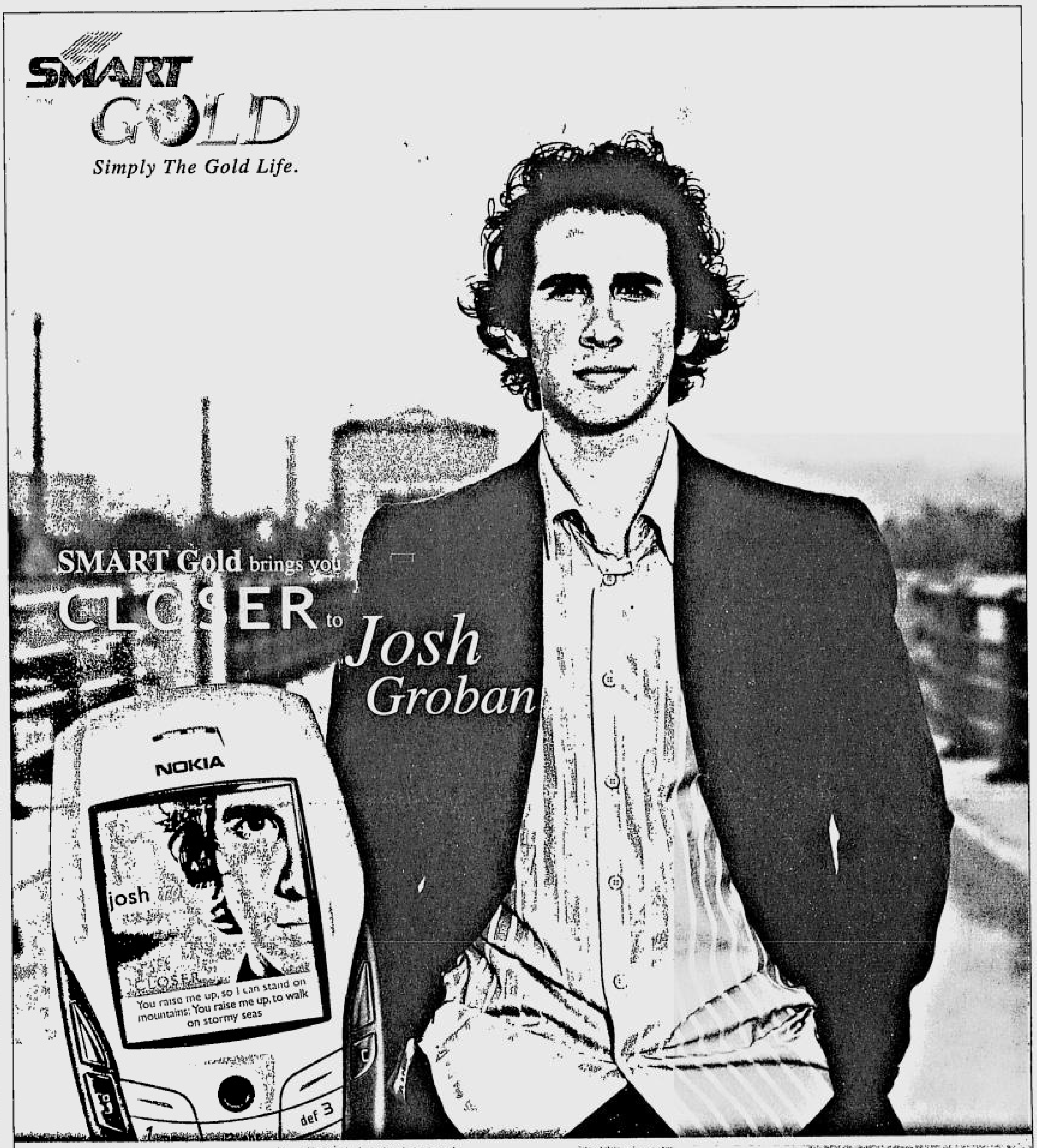
"I am a Mormon, and my being a bold star conflicts with my religion," she said. "It could be that the Lord is showing me signs that He does not want me to become an actress."

In the past, Hanni had chosen her career over marriage, refusing to settle down with her long-time American boyfriend Dana Cummings of Arizona. She waited for Cummings to return to the country for three years. When he arrived, Hanni found she was not yet ready to marry him, having taken "three steps already in my career." So she backed out and pursued making movies.

"It's like I always have to make choices between my career and my personal life," she said.

Still, Hanni maintains that she is not wasting herself in second-rate films.

"I just want to reach my goal," she said.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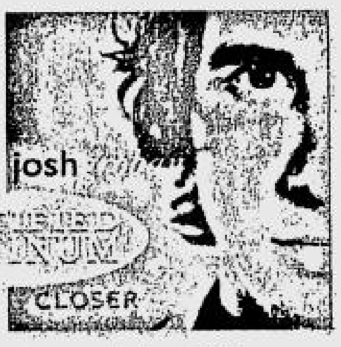

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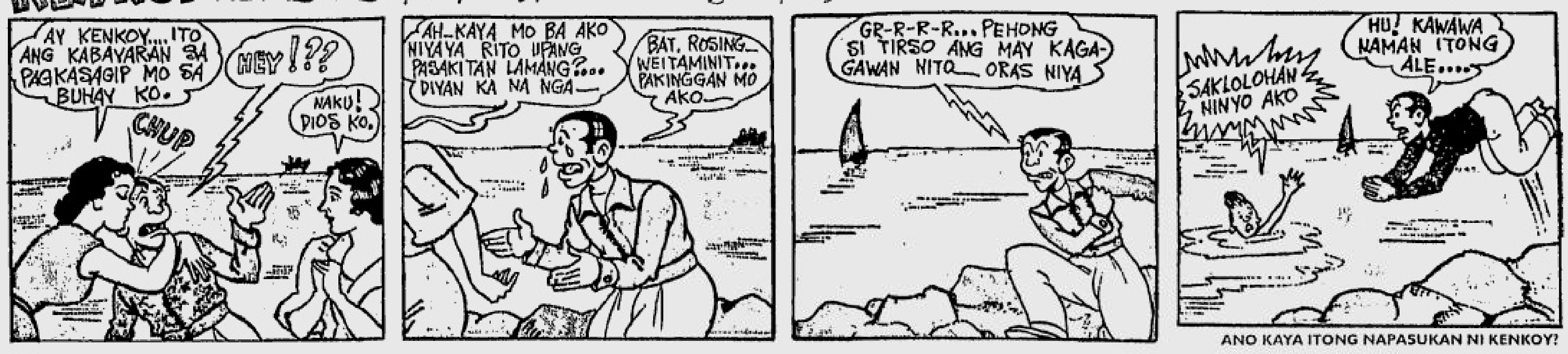
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Tarantino's phantasmagoric vision

By Ruben M. Cruz Jr.
Contributor

REVIEW

NO AMOUNT of advance information could really prepare you for a movie like "Kill Bill: Vol. 1."

But there's something about the image of a beautiful woman like Julia Dreyfus writhing on the floor with blood spewing from her severed limb like water from a fire hydrant that requires a bit of closure for me.

Not that this sensationalistic cinematic prank from Quentin Tarantino, the purveyor of such critically chic and casually ultra-violent movies like "Natural Born Killers" and "Reservoir Dogs," is unworthy of serious discussion.

Apocalyptically bloody fantasia

Touted as Tarantino's "fourth film," this is perhaps the director's most outrageous movie. He seems to be playing chicken with the audience with this apocalyptically bloody fantasia, almost daring them to walk out, or at the very least, howl in protest.

Nobody walked out of the screening I attended at the inauguration of ABS-CBN's "9501 Preview Room." But that might be because the people there realized they might not be able to see "Kill Bill" in its entirety during its regular screening.

Bullet in the head

The Movie and Television Review and Classification Board gave it an R-18 rating, but not without cutting up the movie. The rating, I suppose, was apt for the wall-to-wall gore.

Stripped of all its excesses, "Kill Bill" is actually a pretty simple movie, a vehicle that Tarantino uses to put his individual spin on an eternal theme: revenge.

THURMAN, as The Bride, takes revenge against the Divas.

TARANTINO, perhaps explaining the movie in his mind to actress Julia Dreyfus

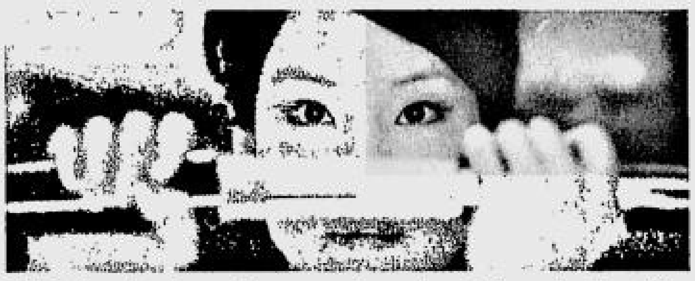
The heroine is Uma Thurman, Tarantino's so-called muse, who in the movie goes by the aliases "The Bride" and "Black Mamba." For some reason, which I reckon we'll find out in Vol. 2, her name is bleeped every time it is mentioned.

Eight months pregnant, she's about to get married when her former associates in the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad (Divas) decide to massacre her wedding party, leaving her pummeled and with a bullet in the head. But unbeknown to the Divas, she is still breathing.

Revenge, of course

It's unclear why the Divas want her dead. Is it because she wanted out? Would it have anything to do with jealousy, since there's a hint in the dialogue that Bill, the Divas' leader played by David Carradine, was once romantically involved with The Bride? Again, I reckon we'll find out the secrets to their tied destiny in Vol. 2. Here, Tarantino is just laying the groundwork that will define the final waltz.

After four years in a coma, The Bride wakes up, and, after willing her toes to wiggle (you just have to see the movie to find out what I'm talking about), takes the inevitable course of seeking revenge. She takes out pen and paper and writes something like a things-to-do list. She puts down here the names of the Divas members to be liquidated: O-Ren Ishii alias Cottonmouth (Lucy Liu), Vernita Green alias Copperhead (Vivica A. Fox), Elle Driver alias California Mountain Snake (Daryl Hannah), Budd alias Side Winder (Michael Madsen), and of course, their boss, Bill.



LIU'S character is impacted through nasty sweep of adult-theme animé.

As one of the Divas says, The Bride is going to kill them all and they deserve to die for what they've done to her. But since this is only Vol. 1, only two Vipers get what's coming to them, again with the rest getting theirs in Vol. 2.

Revenge has been a staple of action movies ever since the inception of the genre. The success of an effort dependent upon this worn-out theme usually owes everything to the quality of the direction and the writing.

Tarantino is obviously having a great deal of fun with "Kill Bill." It's admittedly clever and artsy, frequently dabbling in B-movie atmosphere and pared-down film noir, with plenty of tongue-in-cheek humor. The substance of the movie has obviously been padded and stretched if only to present it in two installations. But this is a movie trick that I'm all too willing to accept if only because the suspense and anticipation add to the fun.

Adult animé

It's also evident that the movie's producers have allowed "Kill Bill" to slide enthusiastically into Tarantino's imagination, or, as my editor says, into his madness. The movie thrives on a sense of stylish excess that verges on the absurd. Nothing in it is the slightest bit believable. Nor is it intended to be.

For instance, in the climactic battle scene where The Bride (wearing Bruce Lee's costume in "Game of Death") takes on an army of 88 samurai-wielding Yakuza in a wild orgy of dismemberment, the action shifts unrealistically from the interiors of a two-story Tokyo restaurant to a picturesque, snow-covered Japanese tea garden, for no reason perhaps other than that there could be no better setting for a final fight scene.

In another instance, and what to me is the movie's master stroke, Tarantino provides the background story of Liu's character by taking on the wild, nasty sweep of an adult-theme animé.

More than a story, "Kill Bill" is Tarantino's conceit, the movie in his mind, and the director, who once worked as a video store clerk, is clearly creating variations of scenes from a backlog of movie memories, building fantasies upon fantasies.

Whether you find this no-holds-barred filmmaking agreeable or disgusting all depends on whether you could give in to Tarantino's phantasmagoric vision. Either way, "Kill Bill" won't easily be forgotten.

Hit sitcoms prepare to bow out of the tube

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

WHEN popular and long-running TV shows finally end their run, the leave-taking takes its toll not just on viewers, but on the people involved in those programs as well.

This year, two hit sitcoms are bowing out of the tube—not so much because they're no longer popular, but due to a veritable cocktail of other factors.

These include: The lack of fresh concepts to keep the shows interesting. Stars' huge salaries, after demanding and getting substantial raises through the years. Performers' boredom with the characters they've been portraying for so long. And their flourishing careers, which have given them many other performing options, thus necessitating their leaving the shows that established them as stars.

After 10 years on the TV screen, "Friends" is breaking up its hit *barkada* (**Jennifer Aniston, Matt Leblanc, Lisa Kudrow, Matthew Perry, Courtney Cox Arquette** and **David Schwimmer**). Their show will end this spring—still at the top of the ratings.

That's a phenomenal achievement after a full decade on the tube, so you can imagine what extra goodies have been dangled in front of the show's six stars, to convince them to agree to stay on for one more season. The seductive ploys have been unsuccessful, however.

Of the six leads, it's Jennifer Aniston who's done best of all, with a flourishing movie career— and the fact that she's married to **Brad Pitt** certainly hasn't been a liability, either.

Lisa and Matt have also done a number of movies, and Matt will be starring in a spinoff sitcom slated for the next TV season, in which he will still be playing Joey, his character in "Friends."

"Frasier," another sitcom folding up its tent this year, is at 11 years, even older than "Friends." And it turns out that its star, **Kelsey Grammer**, has been playing the character of Frasier much longer than that—for a total of 20 years, because the character was given a show of his own as a spin-off from "Cheers," where Grammer first portrayed him beginning in 1984.

In "Frasier," Grammer plays a neurotic psychiatrist with a phone-in advice show on the radio. His younger brother, Miles, is played by **David Hyde Pearce**. The show will conclude its US run this May.

Unlike "Friends," Grammer's sitcom has been getting lower ratings this season compared to previous years, so it's really time to go. But its actors can leave with heads unbowed, because the sitcom has had a very good run, and even won Emmy Awards for best comedy five years in succession.

The show tried to energize its ratings a couple of years ago by having Frasier get married, but the gambit failed to significantly boost the sitcom's popularity.

What will Grammer and Miles do next? They've both appeared in their share of movies, but bigtime film stardom has eluded them. So, it's expected that, after a few seasons of winging it and resting from the exhausting schedule of taping an episode per week, they'll eventually resurface in new situation comedies.

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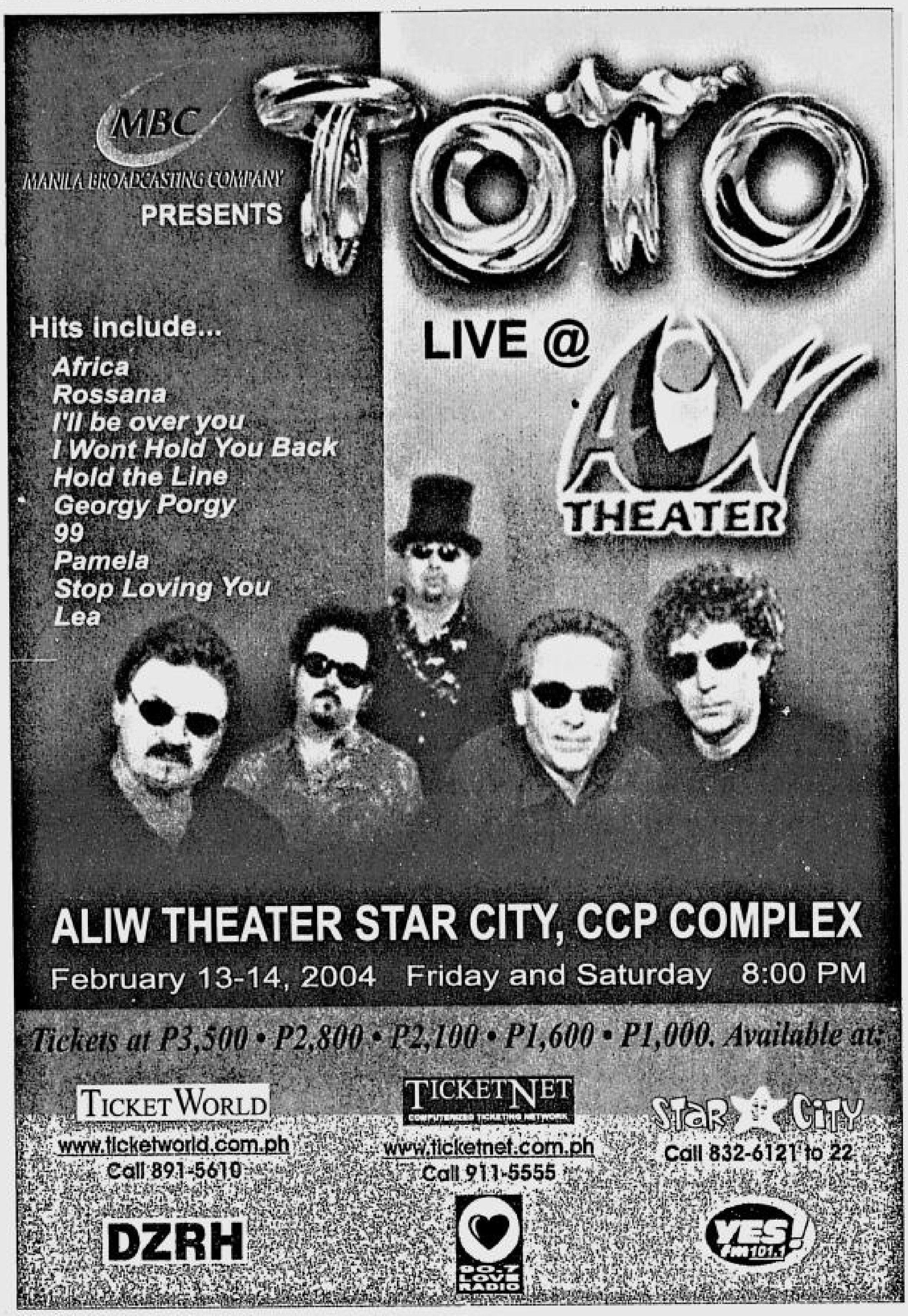
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A 30-minute video and a five-hour film

JUICE

Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon

1. LAST week, the video documentary "Sana wala nang guerra, Sana wala nang bakwet," was shown to a Manila audience.

Produced by **Carolyn O. Arguillas** and Mindanews, the half-hour presentation of life in Mindanao, which is available in the NGO circuit, rendered the credit thus—"Script: Mula sa kuwento ng mga Bakwit."

Indeed, the documentary educates Manila about war.

Pikit

The first images the Manileño sees are that of a crescent moon and a lighted steeple cross, and that of the sky and the landscape, each with colors to stun. One might say, the chosen symbols for Muslim, Christian, and Lumad, the three peoples who today define the reality of Mindanao.

The documentary begins with an ordinary day in Pikit, North Cotabato, where the morning is beautiful, the day begins with prayer, and the folk go about carrying their vegetables to market. Most are Muslims.

When they speak of their wants, we hear only of simple things: three meals a day, children in school, and sleep without fear.

Yet these have been denied them.

Pikit has seen four wars since 1997. That year, 30,000 of them picked up their belongings, from pots and pans to dogs and kids, and ran for their lives from the gunfire. In 2000, another war and 41,000 evacuees. Only one year after, in 2001, still another war and 24,000 displaced. Then just last year, in 2003, war again and 45,000 refugees.

An old man talks about his wife having just given birth, and not two days after, she was running and dragging her belongings like all the rest, because the bombings had begun again. And we were the lucky ones, he says, because there were those who were killed by bombs right there on the road as they ran.

And an old woman says she has known ten evacuations in her lifetime. As a child in the 1970s, she was running with her parents, and in 2000s, she is still running, but now with her own kids.

Moreover, this is not a war confined to Pikit. From Jan. 21-Nov.13 last year, war had forced a total of 411,004 villagers—or nearly a half million people—from all over Mindanao, out of their homes. As of Nov. 13, according to DSWD figures, 64,131 of them had not returned home.

That means we have Filipinos out there—still praying, drinking, lying, washing, moving their bowels, in hovels and tents with earth floors, where the pregnant among them give birth amid filth, and the weaker among their children die from bad water.

They are the "collateral damage" in the government's war with the MNLF then and the MILF now.

Important reportage

This video-docu is not for the lazy on a Sunday.

It is intense and clearly anti-war, flashing the details: *Isang putok ng howitzer = 36 na mesa at silya.*

It is also a reporter's piece, flashing right after: P200 = *cost of 1 table and chair for Grades 1 and 2. UNICEF estimate.*

And more: *P7,500 = isang bala ng howitzer; P25,000 = isang core shelter;3 putok ng howitzer = 1 core shelter.*

It is, in addition, bent on teaching us what we don't know, flashing, bulletin-board style: *the rights of refugees recognized by the United Nations, including the right to indemnification.*

And it plods on, speaking about the social costs of war, taking up the fight for the "internally displaced," the name the global community recognizes for war evacuees, throwing in facts and figures and sources everywhere.

No, this is not for the lazy. Nor is it for those looking for fine literary merit.

What it is, is precious educational material, solid information, and important reportage.

And what it is for, is for those of us who can stop whining, for just a fine minute, about our Sundays being disrupted by something so heavy.

2. LAV Diaz's "Batang West Side" has landed in *Film Comment's* "One of Ten Best Unknown Pleasures for 2003."

Hurray!

Lav is, of course, the Filipino who, at 43, directed "Batang West Side," a five-hour film that has been seen by only a limited audience here, but luckily got shown in the Asian-American International Film Festival in New York last year.

Film Comment is a magazine in the U.S. that is the cineaste's Bible, the film cognoscenti's companion, and every serious filmmaker's reading fare.

A 30-MINUTE/ C5

february
sunday cinepremiere
Sundays 8:30 PM
lapu-lapu
February 1
Lito Lapid, Joyce Jimenez
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Blessed relief from election fever, politics

AS THE political temperature heats up, "Electile Dysfunction" is sure to offer some blessed relief from the election fever that has swept the country. An entertaining satire on current presidentiables, the show features veteran performers Dyords Javier, Boboy Garrovillo, Nonie Buencamino, among others, and talk show host Boy Abunda as God.

Directed by Leo Rialp, the show is on for a week at the Music Museum at 8 p.m. until Feb. 5. Sponsors are Smart Hair Specialists, Vivere Suite, Avon, Samsung, Kamayan, Philippine Daily Inquirer, "Breakfast" of ABS-CBN, Key Line, Corplan, Magic 89.9, 105.1 Crossover, 86.3 Lite Rock and 92.3 Joey.

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A 30-minute

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And "Unknown Pleasures" is the category it has for films the world over that are great cinematic delights but are little known to the public. (One other Filipino film made it to the list: "Bayaning Third World" by **Mike de Leon**. Hurray again!)

The 45-year-old Lav, in a phone interview with *Juice*, says of his film, one of five he has completed to date: "It's my first real film. I fulfilled my aesthetic stand, my philosophy *sa* cinema with this one. It was organic; I was totally free to do what I wanted. I had a broad canvas! *'Yong* I was not confined to industry rules—not the usual two hours, no one looking over my shoulder in the editing... I was free. It is me."

"Batang West Side"—already called "a masterpiece" by *Variety*, the US-based, most widely read publication on cinema—has been acclaimed as the best picture in the Singapore and Brussels international film festivals and at our own Gawad Urian. It also won the NETPAC Jury Prize at the Cinemanila International Film Fest.

But, as the iconoclastic Lav would have it known, by text messaging: *"joan, oks lang na nalagay tayo diyan sa Film Comment dahil sa respeto na dala nya pero importante lang na malaman ng mga tao na di ko kailangan ng imprimatur ng western critics para ma-affirm ang commitment ng aking cinema. salamat."*

No problem.

What is, is that poor "BWS" is now hidden, presumably in some vault of its producer **Tony Veloria**, for reasons that only Mr. Veloria can explain—but can never justify.

For how in heaven's name can a producer be in possession of a film, which everyone shouts is precious and superior, and not be moved to show it? Why spend P10M for a film you don't bother to release?

And if there were more "private" reasons for the film staying in his vault, can he please be persuaded, if not by fine entreaty from us all, then by genial reminder from FedEx boss **Bert Lina**, who plunked in the final P2M to get the "BWS" print released by Road Runner?

Or can we please beg **Yul Servo**, star of the film, to go seize it, and show it at UP's Sunken Garden? Or anywhere at all where we have audiences who would die for the feel of a good film?

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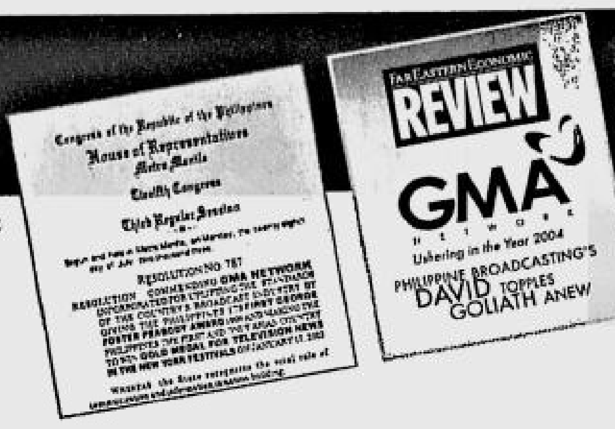
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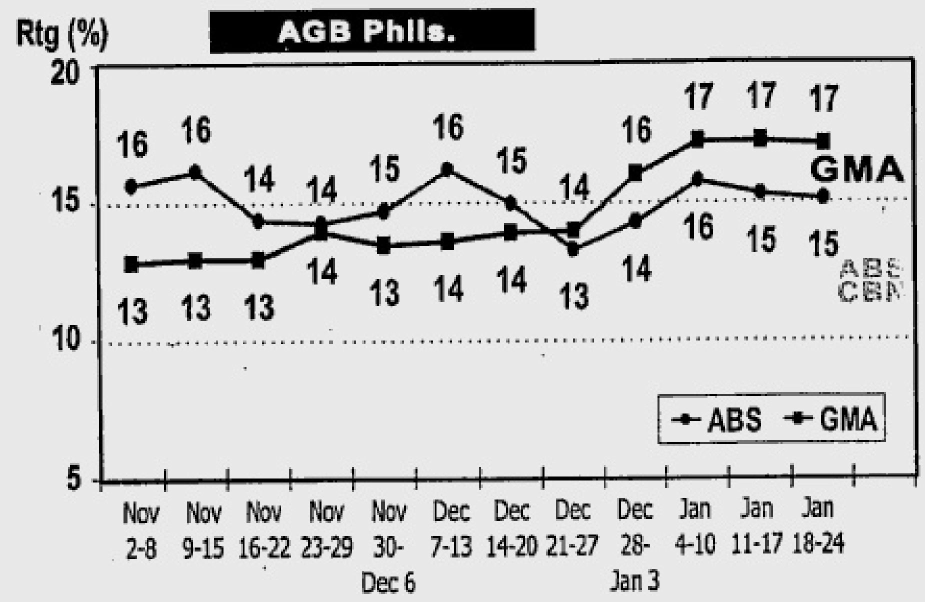

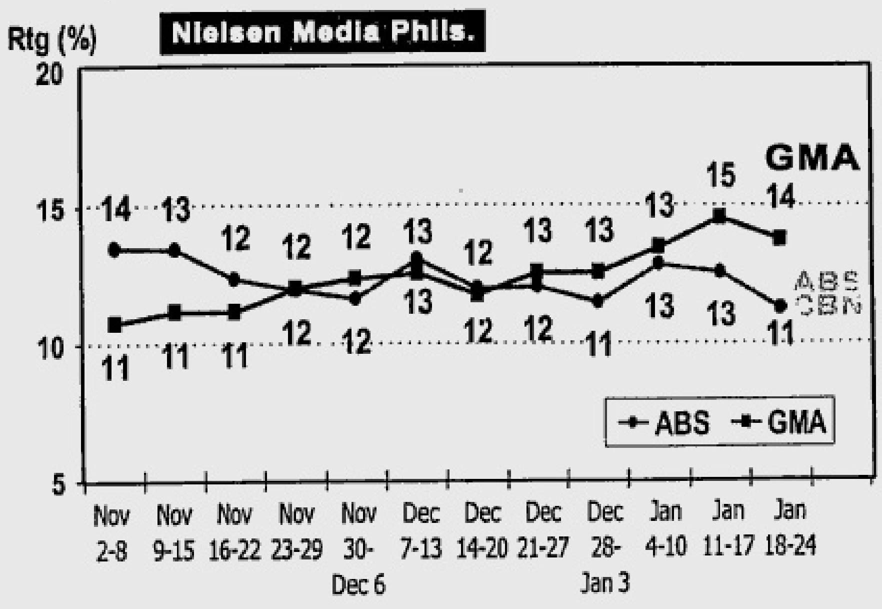

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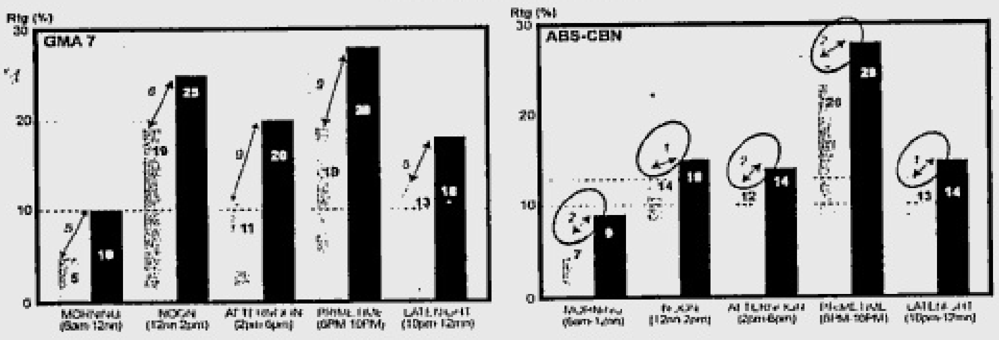

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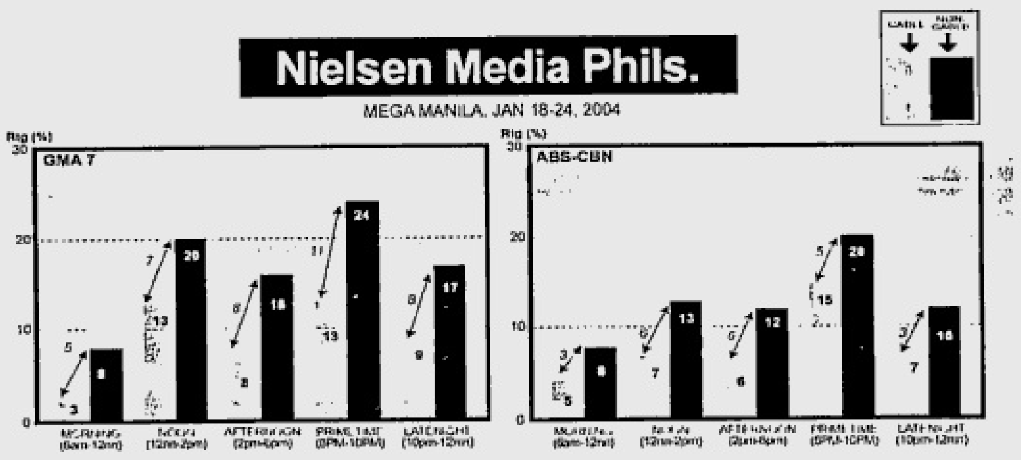

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12 OUT OF 20 TOP PROGRAMS OVERALL

TOP 20 PROGRAMS OVERALL
Mega Manila, Total Day (6am-12mn) Jan. 18-24, 2004

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	HOUSEHOLD RATING (%)
1.	**MAGPAKAILANMAN**	**GMA 7**	**34.5**
2	SANA'Y WALA NANG WAKAS	ABS-CBN	33.4
3.	BASTA'T KASAMA KITA	ABS-CBN	32.5
4.	IT MIGHT BE YOU	ABS-CBN	32.1
5.	**IMBESTIGADOR**	**GMA 7**	**31.4**
6.	**STARSTRUCK**	**GMA 7**	**30.0**
7.	NEXT LEVEL NA GAME KNB?	ABS-CBN	29.9
8.	TV PATROL	ABS-CBN	29.1
9.	**GHOST FIGHTER**	**GMA-7**	**28.9**
10.	**ENDLESS LOVE II WINTER SONATA**	**GMA-7**	**28.7**
11.	**BUBBLE GANG**	**GMA-7**	**28.1**
12.	MAGANDANG GABI BAYAN	ABS-CBN	27.9
13.	**TWIN HEARTS**	**GMA 7**	**27.5**
14.	**EXTRA CHALLENGE**	**GMA 7**	**26.8**
15	WANSAPANATAYM	ABS-CBN	26.7
16.	**NARITO ANG PUSO KO**	**GMA-7**	**26.3**
17.	**EAT BULAGA**	**GMA-7**	**24.3**
18.	**FRONTPAGE ULAT NI MEL TIANGCO**	**GMA-7**	**24.0**
19.	**IDOL KO SI KAP TODO NA TO!**	**GMA 7**	**23.3**
20.	OK FINE WHATEVER!	ABS-CBN	23.3

15 OUT OF 20 TOP DAYTIME PROGRAMS

TOP 20 DAYTIME PROGRAMS
Mega Manila, Total Day (6am-6pm) Jan. 18-24, 2004

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	HOUSEHOLD RATING (%)
1.	**GHOST FIGHTER**	**GMA 7**	**28.9**
2.	**EAT BULAGA**	**GMA 7**	**24.3**
3.	**DAISY SIETE**	**GMA 7**	**22.9**
4.	**DRAGON BALL**	**GMA 7**	**21.5**
5.	**WALANG HANGGAN**	**GMA 7**	**19.6**
6.	**ENDLESS LOVE UNCUT**	**GMA 7**	**18.9**
7	THE TRUTH	ABS-CBN	18.3
8.	**SOBRANG OK PARE (SOP)**	**GMA 7**	**17.5**
9.	**A PROMISE OF LOVE AT THE DOLPHIN BAY**	**GMA-7**	**17.4**
10.	**WISH KO LANG!**	**GMA-7**	**17.2**
11.	GATA SALVAJE	ABS-CBN	17.1
12.	**STARTALK**	**GMA-7**	**16.3**
13	THE BUZ	ABS-CBN	15.6
14	MASAYANG TANGHALI BAYAN	ABS-CBN	14.8
15	ASAP MANIA	ABS-CBN	14.8
16.	**CLICK**	ABS CBN	14.7
17.	**SUPER YO-YO**	**GMA-7**	**14.4**
18.	**IN LOVE WITH ANGEL**	**GMA-7**	**14.1**
19.	**ART IS-KOOL**	**GMA-7**	**13.8**
20.	**DAIMOS**	**GMA-7**	**13.7**

10 OUT OF 20 TOP PRIMETIME PROGRAMS

TOP 20 PRIMETIME PROGRAMS
Mega Manila, Total Day (6pm-10pm) Jan. 18-24, 2004

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	HOUSEHOLD RATING (%)
1.	**MAGPAKAILANMAN**	**GMA 7**	**34.5**
2.	SANA'Y WALA NANG WAKAS	ABS-CBN	33.4
3.	BASTA'T KASAMA KITA	ABS-CBN	32.5
4	IT MIGHT BE YOU	ABS-CBN	32.1
5.	**IMBESTIGADOR**	**GMA 7**	**31.4**
6.	**STARSTRUCK**	**GMA 7**	**30.0**
7.	NEXT LEVEL NA GAME KNB?	ABS-CBN	29.9
8.	TV PATROL	ABS-CBN	29.1
9.	**ENDLESS LOVE II WINTER SONATA**	**GMA-7**	**28.7**
10.	**BUBBLE GANG**	**GMA-7**	**28.1**
11.	MAGANDANG GABI BAYAN	ABS-CBN	27.9
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14	WANSAPANATAYM	ABS-CBN	26.7
15.	**NARITO ANG PUSO KO**	**GMA-7**	**26.3**
16.	**FRONTPAGE ULAT NI MEL TIANGCO**	**GMA-7**	**24.0**
17.	**IDOL KO SI KAP TODO NA TO!**	**GMA 7**	**23.3**
18	OK FINE WHATEVER!	ABS-CBN	23.3
19.	HOME ALONG DA AIRPORT	ABS-CBN	22.9
20.	STAR CINEMA PRESENTS	ABS-CBN	22.5

6 OUT OF 10 TOP NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM

TOP 10 NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS
Mega Manila Jan. 18-24, 2004

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	HOUSEHOLD RATING (%)
1.	**IMBESTIGADOR**	**GMA 7**	**31.4**
2	TV PATROL	ABS-CBN	29.1
3.	MAGANDANG GABI BAYAN	ABS-CBN	27.9
4.	**FRONTPAGE ULAT NI MEL TIANGCO**	**GMA 7**	**24.0**
5.	**SAKSI**	**GMA 7**	**15.7**
6.	**BIO DATA**	**GMA 7**	**14.2**
7.	**EMERGENCY**	**GMA 7**	**14.0**
8	THE CORRESPONDENTS	ABS-CBN	13.6
9	THE INSIDER	ABS-CBN	12.7
10.	**DEBATE WITH MARE AT PARE**	**ABS-CBN**	**12.0**

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13 OUT OF 20 TOP PROGRAMS OVERALL

TOP 20 PROGRAMS OVERALL
Mega Manila, Total Day (6am-12mn) Jan. 18-24, 2004

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	HOUSEHOLD RATING (%)
1.	**MAGPAKAILANMAN**	**GMA 7**	**26.6**
2.	**ENDLESS LOVE II WINTER SONATA**	**GMA 7**	**26.3**
3.	**STARSTRUCK**	**GMA 7**	**26.0**
4.	**BUBBLE GANG**	**GMA 7**	**24.7**
5.	**NUTS ENTERTAINMENT**	**GMA 7**	**22.9**
6.	**TWIN HEARTS**	**GMA 7**	**22.8**
7.	BASTA'T KASAMA KITA	ABS-CBN	22.2
8.	**NARITO ANG PUSO KO**	**GMA 7**	**22.0**
9	IT MIGHT BE YOU	ABS-CBN	21.7
10.	SANA'Y WALA NANG WAKAS	ABS-CBN	21.3
11.	**GHOST FIGHTER**	**GMA-7**	**20.9**
12.	**EXTRA CHALLENGE**	**GMA 7**	**20.6**
13.	TV PATROL	ABS-CBN	20.6
14.	**IMBESTIGADOR**	**GMA 7**	**20.5**
15	MAGANDANG GABI BAYAN	ABS-CBN	20.4
16.	**DAISY SIETE**	**GMA-7**	**19.9**
17.	**DADDY DIDODU**	**GMA-7**	**19.4**
18.	NEXT LEVEL NA GAME KNB?	ABS-CBN	19.4
19.	WANSAPANATAYM	ABS-CBN	19.2
20.	**EAT BULAGA**	**GMA 7**	**18.5**

14 OUT OF 20 TOP DAYTIME PROGRAMS

TOP 20 DAYTIME PROGRAMS
Mega Manila, Total Day (6am-6pm) Jan. 18-24, 2004

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1.	**GHOST FIGHTER**	**GMA 7**	**20.9**
2.	**DAISY SIETE**	**GMA 7**	**19.9**
3.	**EAT BULAGA**	**GMA 7**	**18.5**
4.	**DRAGON BALL**	**GMA 7**	**16.5**
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8.	THE TRUTH	ABS-CBN	14.5
9.	**STARTALK**	**GMA-7**	**14.1**
10.	ASAP MANIA	ABS-CBN	13.5
11.	**WISH KO LANG!**	**GMA 7**	**13.2**
12	GATA SALVAJE	ABS-CBN	13.1
13.	**SUPER YO-YO**	**GMA-7**	**12.9**
14	METEOR GARDEN II REWIND	ABS-CBN	12.7
15	THE BUZ	ABS-CBN	12.7
16.	**CLICK**	**GMA 7**	**12.1**
17	LADY LADY!	ABS-CBN	11.9
18.	**5 FILES**	**GMA-7**	**11.8**
19.	**A PROMISE OF LOVE AT THE DOLPHIN BAY**	**GMA-7**	**11.8**
20.	**LOVE TO LOVE**	**GMA-7**	**11.7**

12 OUT OF 20 TOP PRIMETIME PROGRAMS

TOP 20 PRIMETIME PROGRAMS
Mega Manila, Total Day (6pm-10pm) Jan. 18-24, 2004

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7.	BASTA'T KASAMA KITA	ABS-CBN	22.2
8.	**NARITO ANG PUSO KO**	**GMA 7**	**22.0**
9.	IT MIGHT BE YOU	ABS-CBN	21.7
10.	SANA'Y WALA NANG WAKAS	ABS-CBN	21.3
11.	**EXTRA CHALLENGE**	**GMA 7**	**20.6**
12.	TV PATROL	ABS-CBN	20.6
13.	**IMBESTIGADOR**	**GMA 7**	**20.5**
14	MAGANDANG GABI BAYAN	ABS-CBN	20.4
15.	**DADDY DIDODU**	**GMA-7**	**19.4**
16	NEXT LEVEL NA GAME KNB?	ABS-CBN	19.4
17.	WANSAPANATAYM	ABS-CBN	19.2
18.	**KI THE 1000000 VIDEOKE**	**GMA 7**	**17.7**
19.	**ALL TOGETHER NOW**	**GMA 7**	**17.6**
20.	OK FINE WHATEVER!	ABS-CBN	17.3

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Mega Manila Jan. 18-24, 2004

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1.	TV PATROL	ABS CBN	20.6
2.	**IMBESTIGADOR**	**GMA 7**	**20.5**
3.	MAGANDANG GABI BAYAN	ABS-CBN	20.4
4.	**FRONTPAGE ULAT NI MEL TIANGCO**	**GMA 7**	**17.2**
5.	**SAKSI**	**GMA 7**	**14.5**
6.	**EMERGENCY**	**GMA 7**	**13.4**
7.	**DEBATE WITH MARE AT PARE**	**GMA 7**	**9.8**
8.	**I-WITNESS**	**GMA 7**	**9.4**
9.	**JESSICA SOHO REPORTS**	**GMA 7**	**9.2**
10.	**BIO DATA**	**GMA 7**	**9.0**

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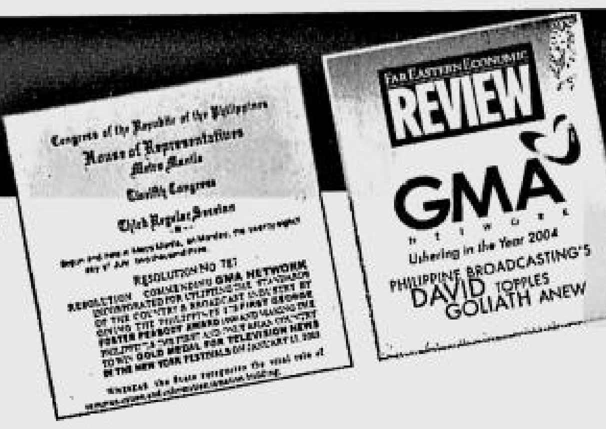
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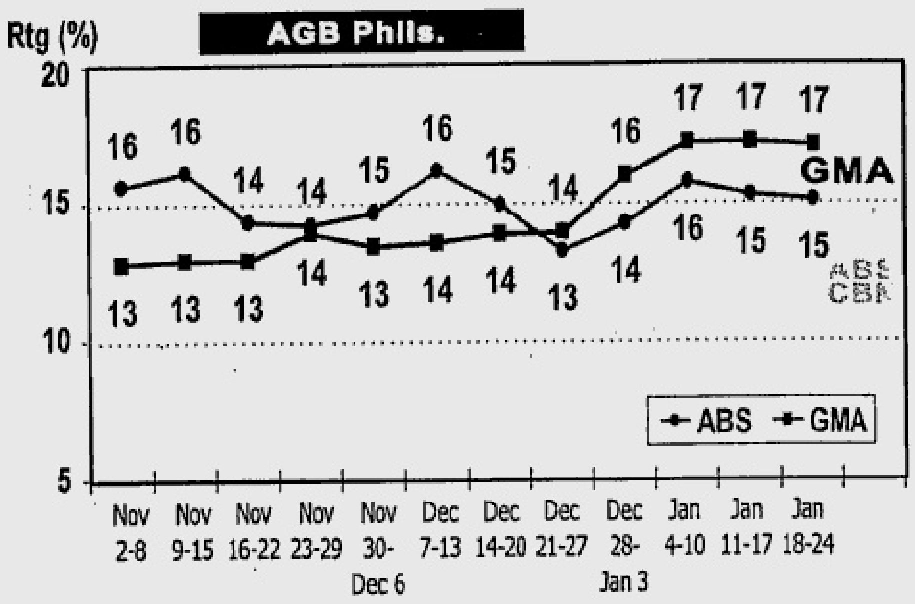

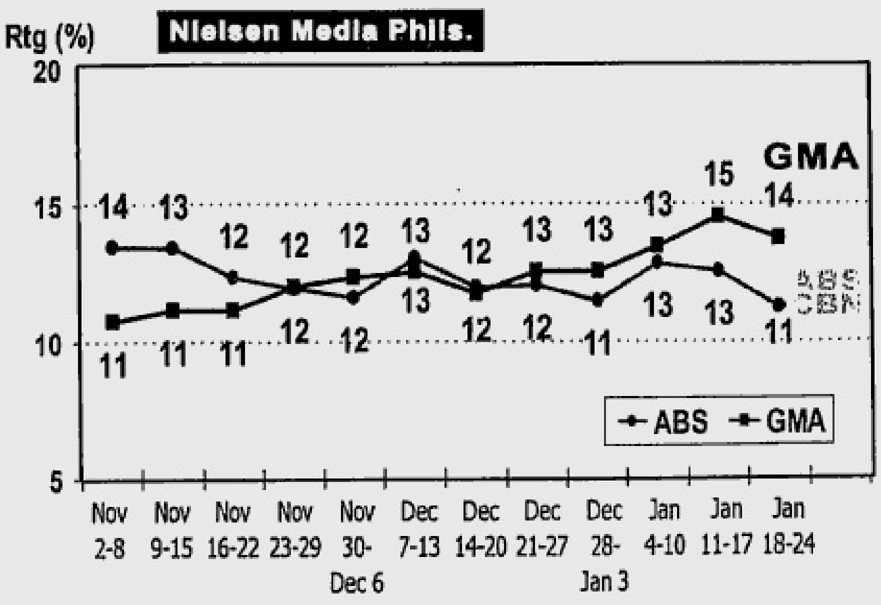

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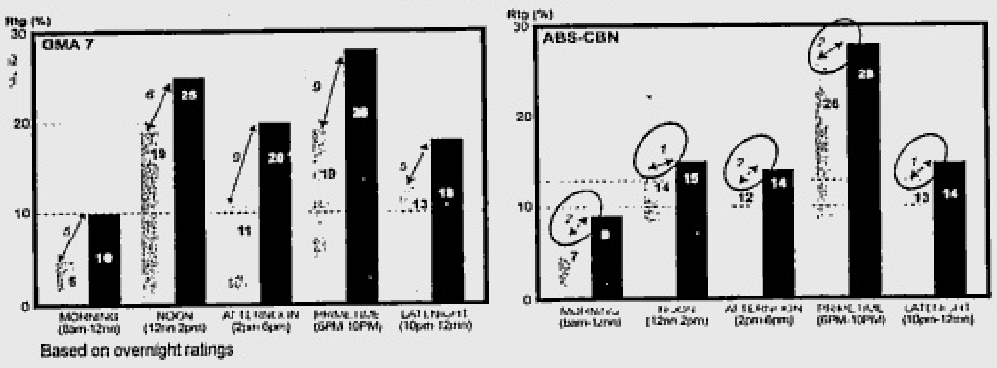

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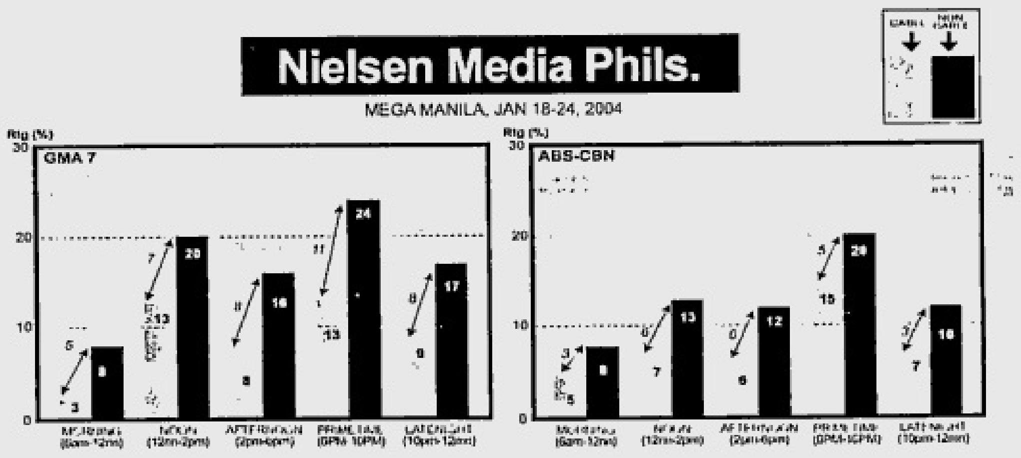

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12 OUT OF 20 TOP PROGRAMS OVERALL

TOP 20 PROGRAMS OVERALL
Mega Manila, Total Day (6am-12mn) Jan. 18-24, 2004

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	HOUSEHOLD RATING (%)
1.	**MAGPAKAILANMAN**	GMA 7	34.5
2	SANA'Y WALA NANG WAKAS	ABS-CBN	33 4
3.	BASTA'T KASAMA KITA	ABS-CBN	32 5
4.	IT MIGHT BE YOU	ABS-CBN	32 1
5.	**IMBESTIGADOR**	GMA 7	31.4
6.	**STARSTRUCK**	GMA 7	30.0
7.	NEXT LEVEL NA GAME KNB?	ABS-CBN	29 9
8.	TV PATROL	ABS-CBN	29 1
9.	**GHOST FIGHTER**	GMA-7	28.9
10.	**ENDLESS LOVE II WINTER SONATA**	GMA-7	28.7
11.	**BUBBLE GANG**	GMA-7	28.1
12.	MAGANDANG GABI BAYAN	ABS-CBN	27 9
13.	**TWIN HEARTS**	GMA 7	27.5
14.	**EXTRA CHALLENGE**	GMA 7	26.8
15	WANSAPANATAYM	ABS-CBN	26 7
16.	**NARITO ANG PUSO KO**	GMA-7	26.3
17.	**EAT BULAGA**	GMA-7	24.3
18.	**FRONTPAGE ULAT NI MEL TIANGCO**	GMA-7	24.0
19.	**IDOL KO SI KAP TODO NA TO!**	GMA 7	23.3
20.	OK FINE WHATEVER!	ABS-CBN	23 3

15 OUT OF 20 TOP DAYTIME PROGRAMS

TOP 20 DAYTIME PROGRAMS
Mega Manila, Total Day (6am-6pm) Jan, 18-24, 2004

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	HOUSEHOLD RATING (%)
1.	**GHOST FIGHTER**	GMA 7	25.9
2.	**EAT BULAGA**	GMA 7	24.3
3.	**DAISY SIETE**	GMA 7	22.9
4.	**DRAGON BALL**	GMA 7	21.5
5.	**WALANG HANGGAN**	GMA 7	19.6
6.	**ENDLESS LOVE UNCUT**	GMA 7	18.9
7.	THE TRUTH	ABS-CBN	18 3
8.	**SOBRANG OK PARE (SOP)**	GMA 7	17.5
9.	**A PROMISE OF LOVE AT THE DOLPHIN BAY**	GMA-7	17.4
10.	**WISH KO LANG!**	GMA-7	17.2
11.	GATA SALVAJE	ABS-CBN	17 1
12.	**STARTALK**	GMA-7	16.3
13.	THE BUZ	ABS-CBN	15 6
14	MASAYANG TANGHALI BAYAN	ABS-CBN	14 8
15	ASAP MANIA	ABS-CBN	14 8
16.	**CLICK**	ABS-CBN	14 7
17.	**SUPER YO-YO**	GMA-7	14.4
18.	**IN LOVE WITH ANGEL**	GMA-7	14.1
19.	**ART IS-KOOL**	GMA-7	13.8
20.	**DAIMOS**	GMA-7	13.7

10 OUT OF 20 TOP PRIMETIME PROGRAMS

TOP 20 PRIMETIME PROGRAMS
Mega Manila, Total Day (6pm-10pm) Jan. 18-24, 2004

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	HOUSEHOLD RATING (%)
1.	**MAGPAKAILANMAN**	GMA 7	34.5
2	SANA'Y WALA NANG WAKAS	ABS-CBN	33 4
3	BASTA'T KASAMA KITA	ABS-CBN	32 5
4	IT MIGHT BE YOU	ABS-CBN	32 1
5.	**IMBESTIGADOR**	GMA 7	31.4
6.	**STARSTRUCK**	GMA 7	30.0
7.	NEXT LEVEL NA GAME KNB?	ABS-CBN	29 9
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18	OK FINE WHATEVER!	ABS-CBN	23 3
19.	HOME ALONG DA AIRPORT	ABS-CBN	22 9
20.	STAR CINEMA PRESENTS	ABS-CBN	22.5

6 OUT OF 10 TOP NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM

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Mega Manila Jan. 18-24, 2004

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1.	**IMBESTIGADOR**	GMA 7	31.4
2	TV PATROL	ABS-CBN	29.1
3	MAGANDANG GABI BAYAN	ABS-CBN	27 9
4.	**FRONTPAGE ULAT NI MEL TIANGCO**	GMA 7	24.0
5.	**SAKSI**	GMA 7	15.7
6.	**BIO DATA**	GMA 7	14.2
7.	**EMERGENCY**	GMA 7	14.0
8.	THE CORRESPONDENTS	ABS-CBN	13 6
9	THE INSIDER	ABS-CBN	12 7
10.	**DEBATE WITH MARE AT PARE**	ABS-CBN	12.0

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16.	**DAISY SIETE**	GMA-7	19.9
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18.	NEXT LEVEL NA GAME KNB?	ABS-CBN	19 4
19.	WANSAPANATAYM	ABS-CBN	19 2
20.	**EAT BULAGA**	GMA 7	18.5

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9.	**STARTALK**	GMA-7	14.1
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11.	**WISH KO LANG!**	GMA 7	13.2
12.	GATA SALVAJE	ABS-CBN	13 1
13.	**SUPER YO-YO**	GMA-7	12.8
14.	METEOR GARDEN 11 REWIND	ABS-CBN	12.7
15.	THE BUZ	ABS-CBN	12 7
16.	**CLICK**	GMA 7	12.1
17.	LADY LADY!	ABS-CBN	11 9
18.	**5 FILES**	GMA-7	11.8
19.	**A PROMISE OF LOVE AT THE DOLPHIN BAY**	GMA-7	11.8
20.	**LOVE TO LOVE**	GMA-7	11.7

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10.	**BIO DATA**	GMA 7	9.0

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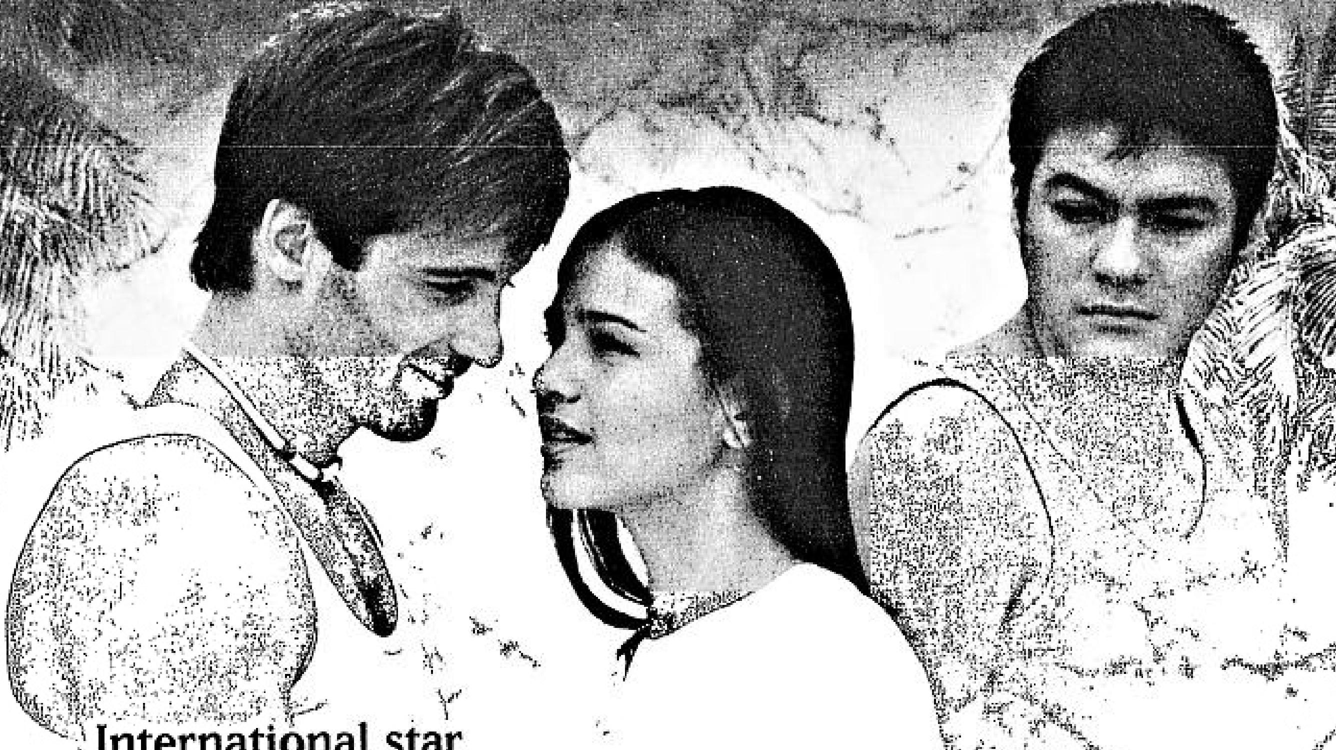

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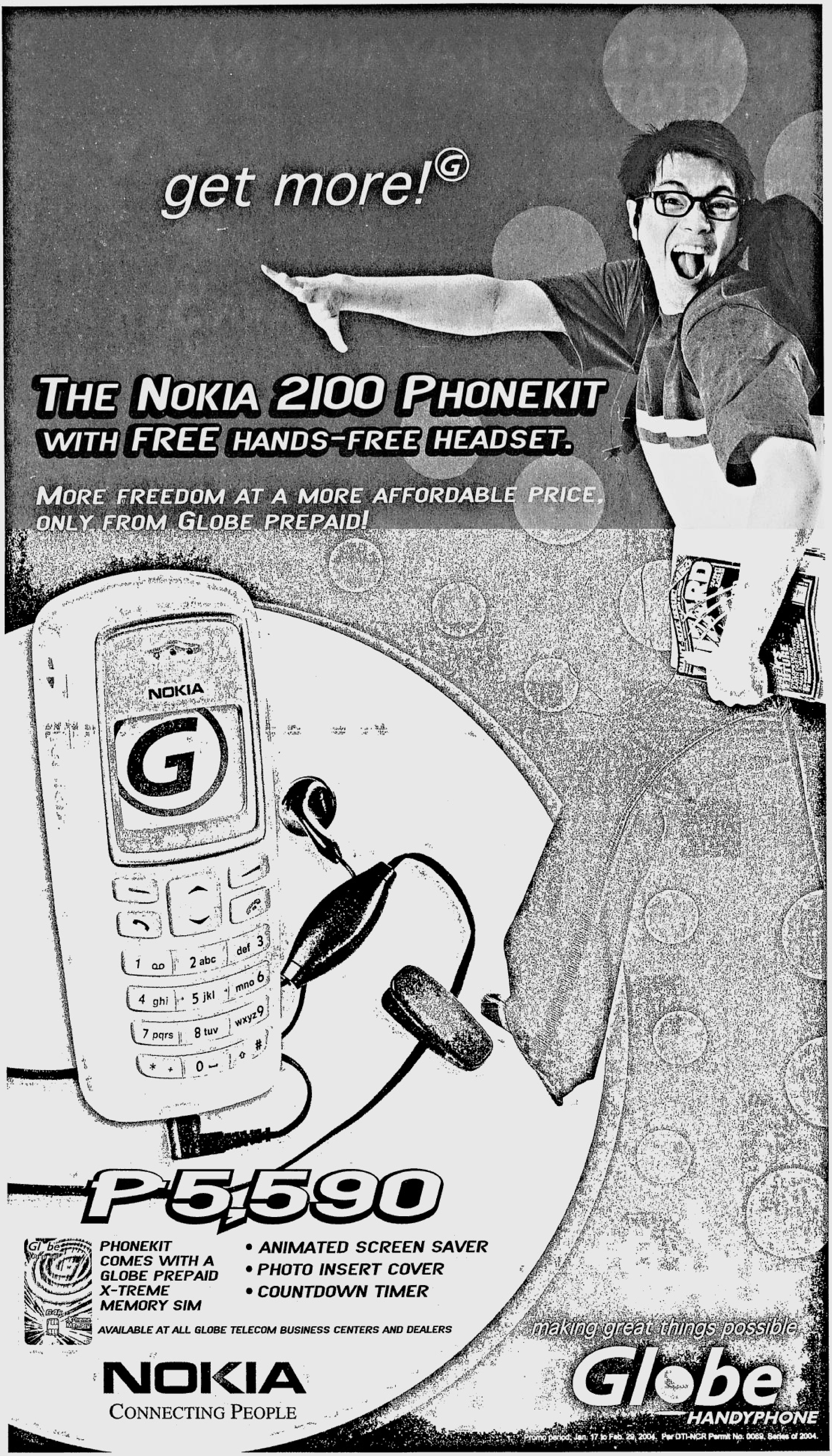
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Watch out, Manila, Greyhound is coming to town

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

FLASH! Flash! Greyhound opens in Manila. One of the hippest and trendiest must-have brands for men and women is coming to our shores. Three weeks ago, I had lunch with the principals and their local partner (retail king **Ben Chan**) at the Shangri-La's Red.

Everyone (especially me, a Greyhound fan) was excited about the partnership, and of course, bringing the brand to the Philippines.

For those unfamiliar with it, Greyhound is a Thailand-based brand that's been around for more than 20 years. It has built a reputation for churning out modern, chic and sensible clothes, accessories, denims, etc.

Whenever I am in Bangkok I pay homage to three things: spas, cuisine and Greyhound at the Emporium. The store has really awesome pieces that are high in quality and creativity. And the best part of all—the prices are affordable!

So watch out, fashionistas out there, I am sure you will hear more of this brand (and from me) in the months to come. Greyhound opens in March at Greenbelt 4.

Must-have book—"Queer Eye for the Straight Guy: The Fab 5's Guide to Looking Better, Cooking Better, Dressing Better, Behaving Better and Living Better."

Although the TV series has not yet reached our shores, a lot of people have heard or seen this successful TV show. It is about five gay men who are out to "makeover the world—one straight guy at a time."

The TV series has been such a huge success that it has launched several spin offs, the latest of which is this book. And just like the show, the book offers sage advice on makeovers, giving the lifestyle-, fashion- and culturally-challenged individual a chance to transform himself from drab to fab.

The book (in its pre-order stage) is available in the Internet site www.bravotv.com. It's selling so fast that you better order now if you want to have a copy.

I have switched to... Splenda. For health-conscious individuals out there who are stuck with bitter-tasting artificial sweeteners, here's a better alternative.

Splenda tastes exactly like sugar, because it's made from sugar, but without the calories and fat. Although it's still not available on the market (calling Rustan's, Price Smart, etc.), I was given several packets at a dinner at my friend **Lucille Locsin**'s home, and I was hooked!

Also, last Tuesday, at a dinner at Max Brenner (given by dynamic couple **Francis** and **Maryanne Lumen**) for the Philippines' favorite crooner **Michael Bublé**, I got to talk to Max's proprietor, hardworking and svelte **Ruth Co**, who told me she used Splenda for her sugar-free desserts.

So pardon the cliché tag line, but "I have made a switch... shouldn't you?"

Fashion color of the season—green.

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The Thailand-based fashion brand is one of the hippest and trendiest must-haves for both men and women

ONE of the most fashionable stores in Asia, Greyhound, will open soon in Manila at Greenbelt 4.

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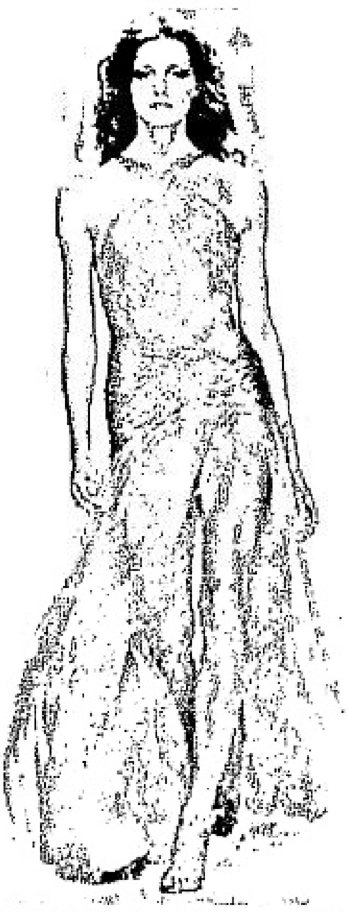

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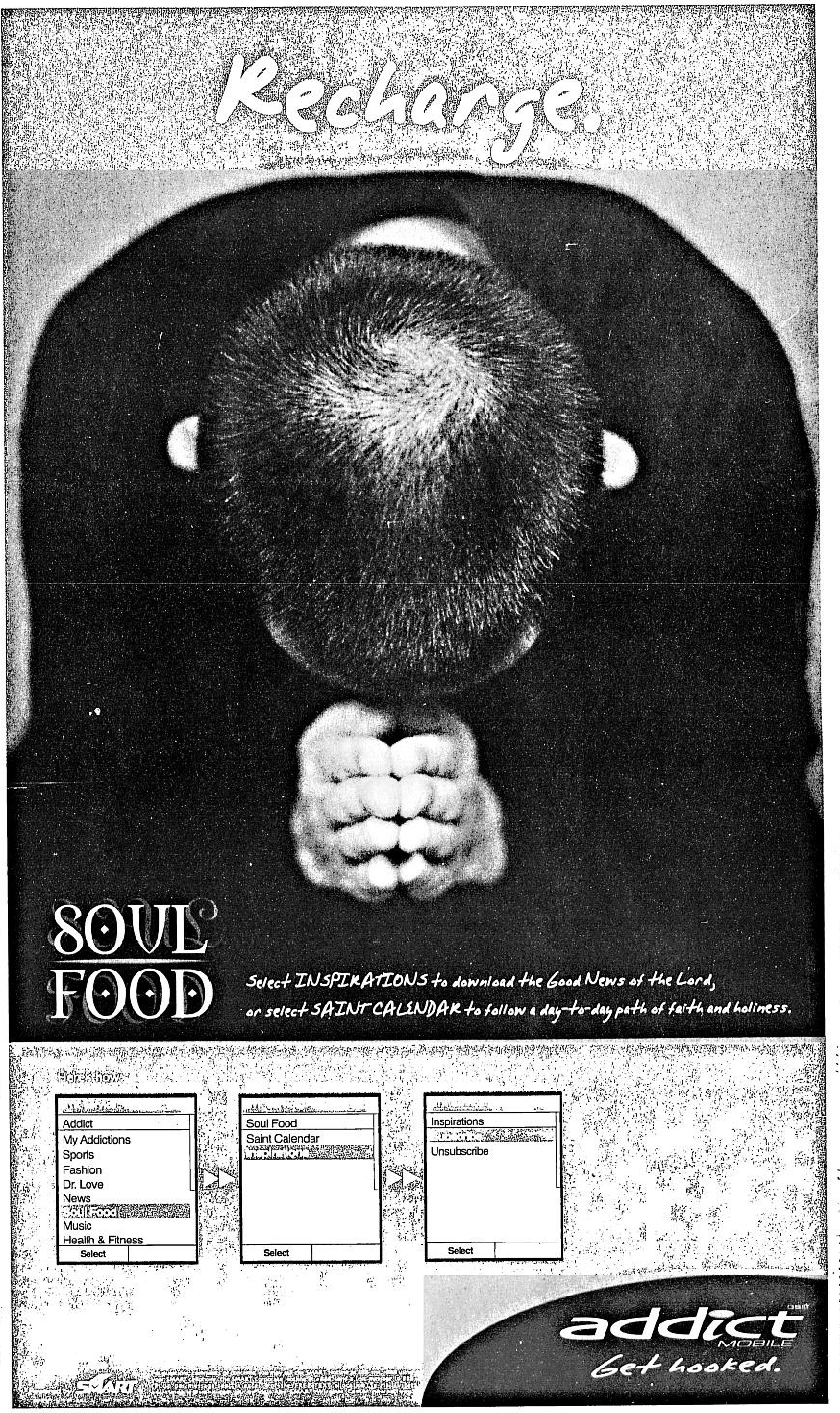
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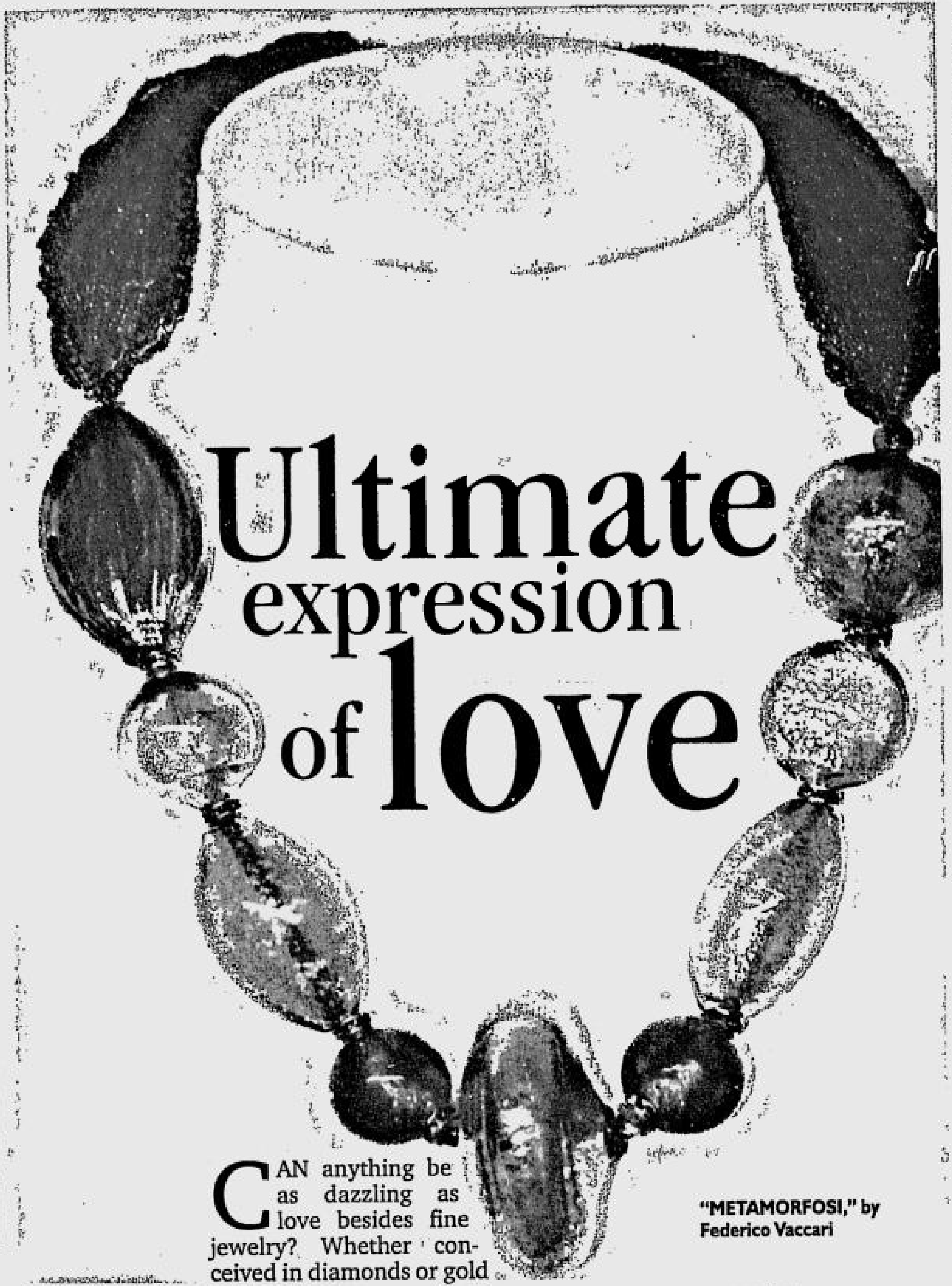

"METAMORFOSI," by Federico Vaccari

FANNI Compagno and daughter

ALFREDO Laggia

CAN anything be as dazzling as love besides fine jewelry? Whether conceived in diamonds or gold or intricately woven in silver and sculpted glass, jewelry represents the ultimate material expression of love.

"The 101 Most Beautiful Necklaces" will feature, Feb. 10-24 at the Greenbelt 3 lobby, the exquisite handiwork of a creative force of 16 Italian jewelers based in Venice.

It will be staged by the Philippine-Italian Association (PIA) in association with the Tantoco-Rustia Foundation, and cosponsored by Air France.

The necklaces on display will celebrate glass as the medium of beautiful jewelry—with every piece bearing a strong sense of style. Though steeped in tradition, the necklaces represent an attitude that is modern.

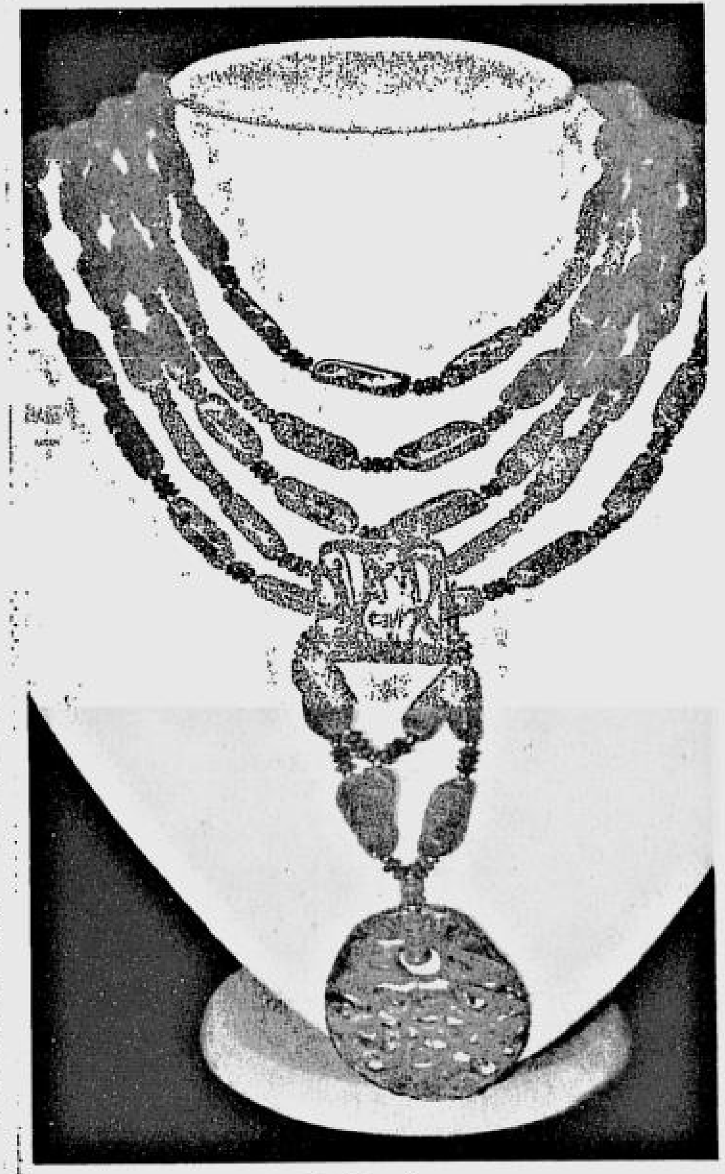
Venetian glass beads

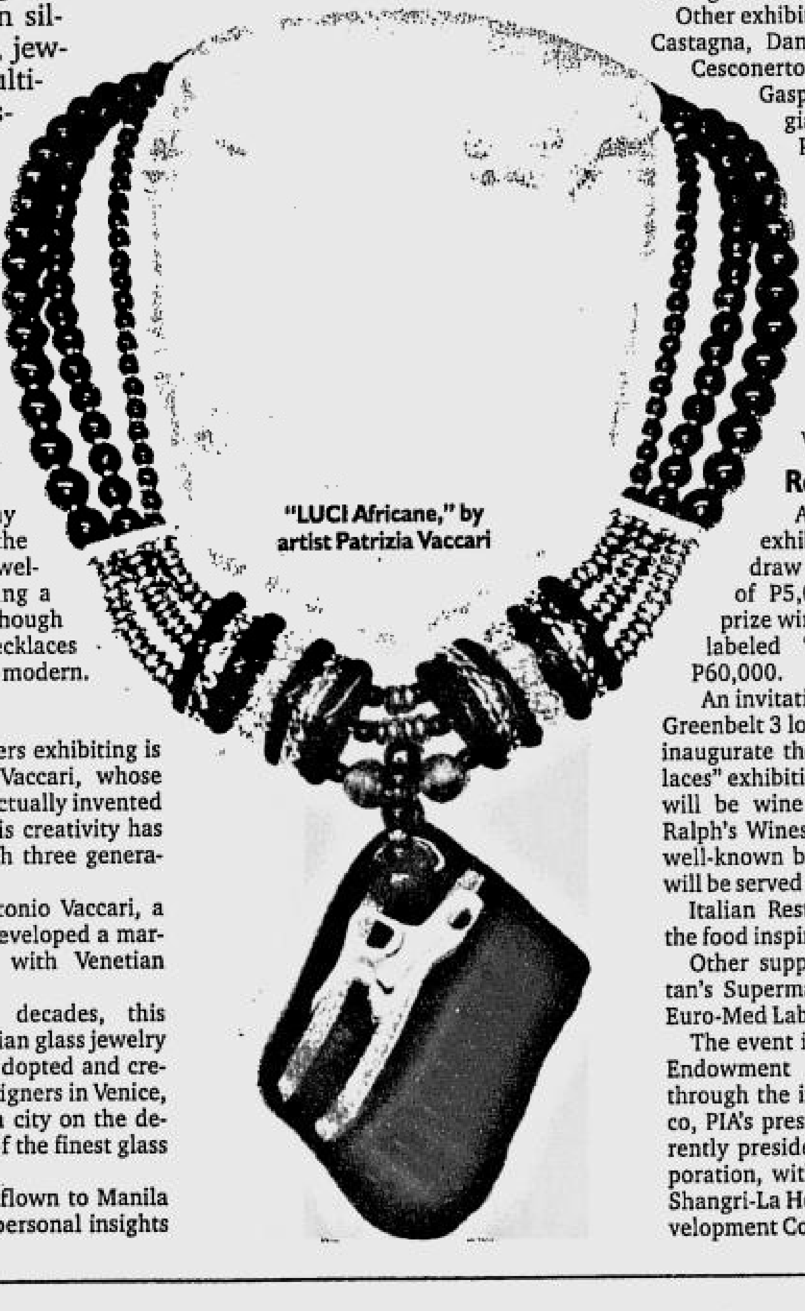
Indeed, one of the jewelers exhibiting is the renowned House of Vaccari, whose founder, Augusto Vaccari, actually invented Venetian beads in 1920. His creativity has been handed down through three generations.

It was in 1965 that Antonio Vaccari, a grandson of the founder, developed a market for necklaces made with Venetian beads.

Over the past three decades, this quintessential line of Venetian glass jewelry has been enthusiastically adopted and creatively refined by other designers in Venice, putting this historic Italian city on the design map as the epicenter of the finest glass jewelry.

Antonio Vaccari will be flown to Manila by Air France to offer his personal insights during the exhibition.


"INCANTESIMO," by Patrizia Vaccari


"LUCI Africane," by artist Patrizia Vaccari

Other exhibitors featured will be Arianna Castagna, Daniela Cesconerto, Francesco Cesconerto, Paola Deltour, Arnaldo de Gasperi, Marina Gervasutti, Giorgia Scarpia, Frederico Vaccari, Patrizia Vaccari, Alessandro, Donatella, Lisa, Renata, Alfredo Laggia and Fanni Compagno.

Also playing a major role in this staging of the exhibition is Marco Roberto Ascione, who is well known in the Philippines as the purveyor of famed Murano works through his corporate vehicle Desideria.

Royal prize

As an added attraction to the exhibition, there will be a lottery draw based on purchased receipts of P5,000 and above. The grand prize winner will receive the necklace labeled "Queen of Venice" worth P60,000.

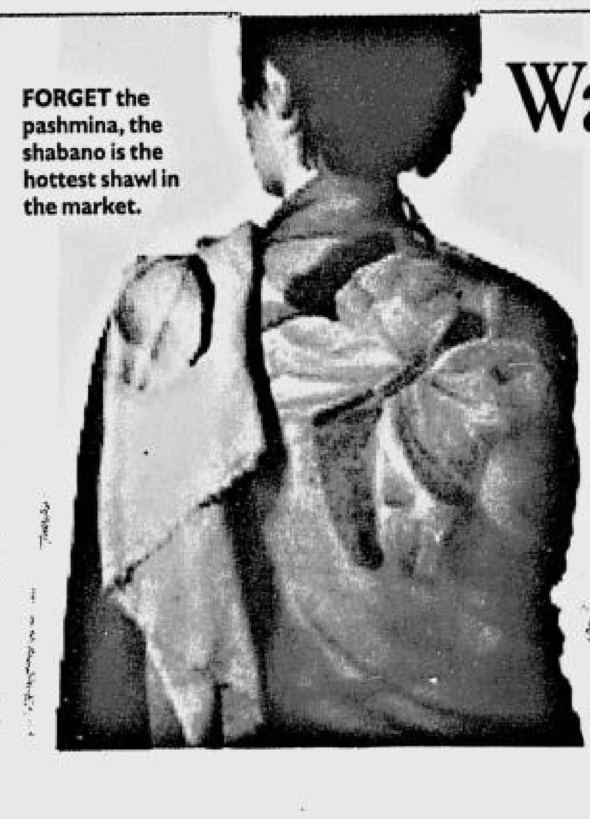
An invitational cocktail reception at the Greenbelt 3 lobby will be held on Feb. 10 to inaugurate the "101 Most Beautiful Necklaces" exhibition in glittering style. Bar host will be wine connoisseur Ralph Joseph. Ralph's Wines & Spirits represents several well-known brands of Italian wines which will be served during cocktails.

Italian Restaurant L'Opera will prepare the food inspired by Venetian cuisine.

Other supporters of the event are Rustan's Supermarket, San Miguel Corp. and Euro-Med Laboratories.

The event is being held in aid of the PIA Endowment Fund, which was created through the initiative of Zenaida R. Tantoco, PIA's president since 2001 and concurrently president of Rustan Marketing Corporation, with the cooperation of Alitalia, Shangri-La Hotel and the Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation.

Watch out, Manila, Greyhound . . .


FORGET the pashmina, the shabano is the hottest shawl in the market.

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Fashion dictators are united for spring/summer 2004 on one thing: "Let there be color!" And in the riot of color that was presented last year, one stuck to my mind as the absolute color of the season—green.

It's a color that one has not seen in a long time, and before you start complaining (think: cactus or rubbing-alcohol green), there are many more hues and facets to green.

Forget the pashmina, the newest must-have is the shabano. I got this little piece of information from a friend living in New York. She had been so tired of wearing pashminas (women with big hair, anyone?) and feeling guilty of shahtoosh (you have to kill at least five chiru antelopes to make one!) that she found this little nugget of fashion advice from a New York magazine: Try the shabano!

The shawl (made of synthetic wool) has a silkier feel than pashmina and feels exactly like a shahtoosh that it can even fit through a ring and fold neatly in your purse. So, do you have friends in New York? Then order some fast, before the big-haired ladies do!

"Survivor"—The All-Star game. For "Survivor" fans out there who have found the last installments of the original reality-based TV show "Survivor" too boring and predictable should watch out for "Survivor's All Stars."

The premise is to take all the past seasons' winners (**Richard Hatch, Ethan Zohn, Tina Wesson**, etc.) and the popular and notorious castmates (**Rudy, Sue, Colby, Lex**, etc.) and put them together in one backbiting, worm-eating TV fest.

Unlike in other shows, the teams will be broken into three tribes, not the usual two. The show premieres in the US today.

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CAN'T use sugar? Splenda artificial sweetener is new in the market.

Shopwise Launches Baby Solutions Central

Mothers truly have one of the most challenging roles in the world. It begins with nine months of pregnancy, followed by the painful process of giving birth, then rearing the children into loving, responsible and productive members of society. Shopping for babies and young children is one of the arduous activities that a mother has to go through. Aside from the expenses involved in rearing children, a mother must make numerous decisions and choices to ensure only the best for her baby. As a tribute to the special role that mothers play in our world, Shopwise together with Nestle, Johnson & Johnson, Procter and Gamble, and Mead Johnson recently launched the Shopwise Baby Solutions Central in its Alabang and Libis branches. The Shopwise Baby Solutions Central was conceptualized primarily to ease the burden on mothers who shop for babies and young children.

According to Catherine Y. Tantoco, Vice President for Merchandising of Shopwise, "A Solutions Center is a re-invention of the way merchandise is displayed to create more shopper excitement, convenience, and interaction. Rather than having baby related products scattered in various parts of the store, the Solution Center consolidates all related merchandise in one area to create a mini-universe that provides a one-stop-shopping haven for mothers with babies and young children."

Within the same area, for example, one can purchase baby food, milk, formula, accessories, diapers, and toiletries, rather than having to move to different parts of the store to complete one's baby care shopping list. Taking this a step further, each section organizes the merchandise according to solutions. Milk, for example, is grouped according to the child's growth and development, from infant formula, follow-on milk, growing-up milk, and early school age milk. Value is also assured through frequent promotions and activities that aim to provide not only more savings but also shopper education. Expect free educational lectures such as prenatal seminars, baby care seminars, price-offs, premium items and giveaways, contests, raffles, and mascot visits.

A solution center exemplifies productive collaboration between a retailer and a manufacturer for the ultimate benefit of the end-consumer. By pooling forces, Shopwise and its business partners are able to generate a value-added shopping experience for shoppers who have babies and children. And when it comes to your child, value-added is truly welcome indeed!

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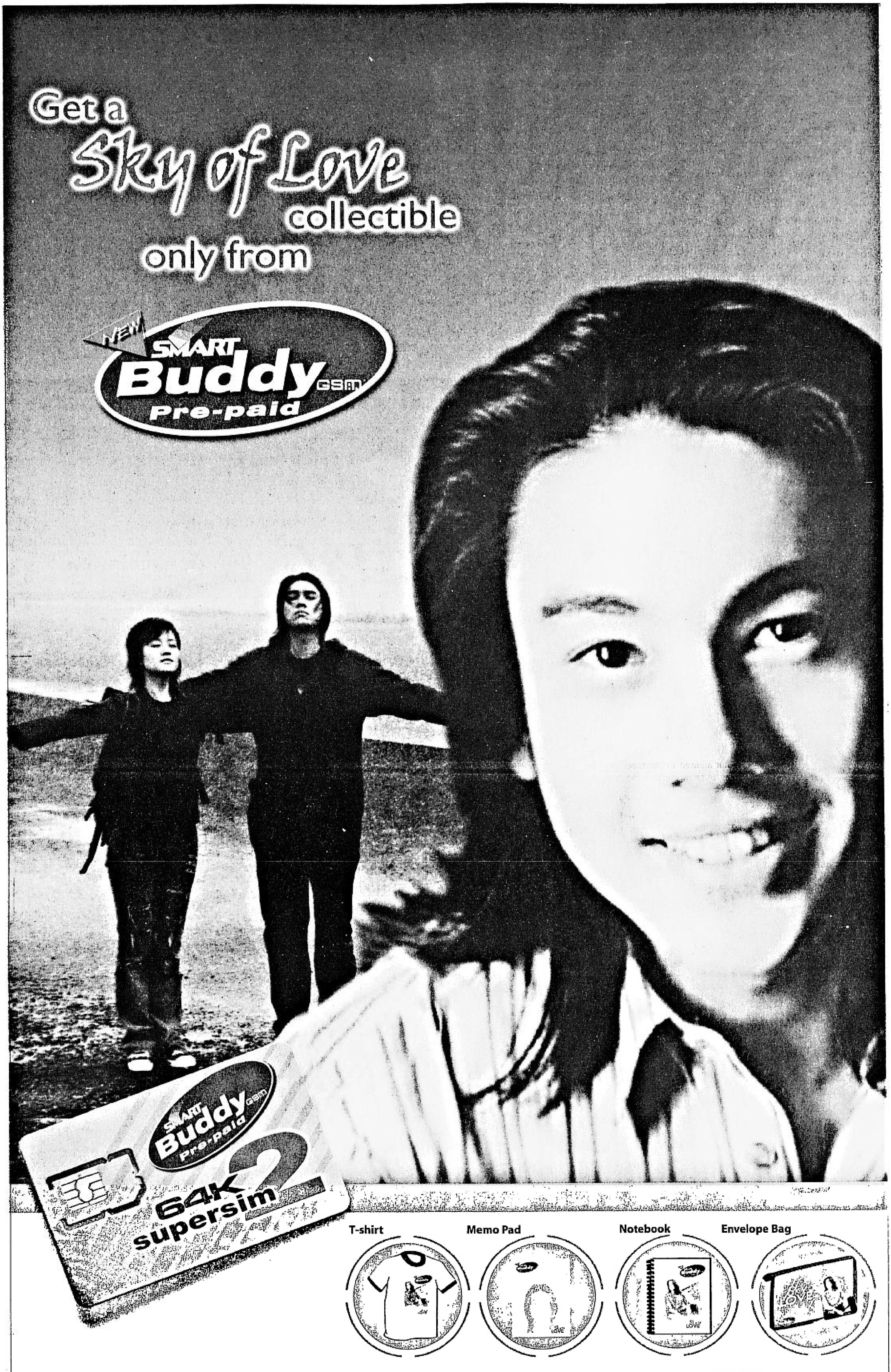
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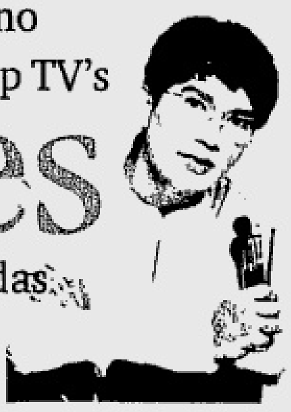
Iconic metamorphoses

Master transfigurer Fanny Serrano remakes soap TV's Iza Calzado and Segundo Cernadas into emblematic lovers



PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM. "Humphrey Bogart" and "Ingrid Bergman" part in style in Nono Palmos' woolen creations consisting of suit and trench coat for him and pantsuit for her. He also fashions a shirt, tie and blouse in complementary shades to complete the look.

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SINCE GMA-7 stars Iza Calzado and Segundo Cernadas play lovers whose love for each other transcends racial and cultural lines, we play with the idea of transforming them into reel- and real-life partners one afternoon.

They willingly give up their day-off to endure hours of grooming and makeup under Fanny Serrano, the master of drastic transformations.

Our list of six couples for Serrano, Calzado and Cernadas to interpret encompasses several decades and looks: Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman ("Casablanca"); Antonio Banderas and Madonna ("Evita"); George Peppard and Audrey Hepburn ("Breakfast at Tiffany's"); President John F. Kennedy and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy; Sonny Bono and Cher; and Kurt Cobain and Courtney Love. *(See related story on page E3.)*

Since wardrobe plays an integral part in achieving illusion, we tap seven of the country's top fashion designers to come up with clothes inspired by the legendary lovers. The designers do not disappoint. The outfits are not only stylized but also stylish versions of the originals.

Sure thing

Before Serrano starts working on Calzado's face, several wigs and wiglets—from dark brown to platinum—are neatly arranged atop several tables together with downloaded images of the shoot's inspirations.

He obviously doesn't like leaving anything to chance. He had his staff set up a portable dresser with built-in fluorescent lights at the studio the night before.

On the day of the shoot (he and his staff came ahead of everybody), the dresser and an adjacent table are filled with all sorts of applicators and makeup from Serrano's own Fashion 21 line—from foundations to concealers, lipsticks to blushers, eye shadows to eyeliners, mascara to false eyelashes.

"Aside from our first production meeting," he says, "I held another one with the wigmakers. After explaining to them what I wanted to achieve, I gave them copies of the downloaded pictures."

He eventually uses seven wigs on Calzado and two wigs on Cernadas.

The wigmakers let Serrano do as he pleases with the wigs. He cuts and sprays them to achieve the right illusion.

At one point, Cernadas is made to wear a wig before one of Serrano's hairdressers snip it in various places to make it look like Bono's late 1960s hairdo.

Cernadas later sits down with veteran makeup artist Cecille Baun, who soon works on his fake moustache.

From the first frame to the last, Serrano is in his element as he motivates the pair to breathe life into their respective characters, while the rest of us just watch from the sidelines. He acts out the gestures he wants the two to project.

Such ability to motivate, lest we forget, owes to Serrano's history with the stage—both acting and performing—before he made a name for himself in fashion and beauty.

"Modesty aside," he says when asked which pair he found hardest to do, "I didn't experience any difficulty since the entire process inspired me. I've been blessed to have good-looking and cooperative actors, and fabulous costumes that match the era."

Manly makeover

Serrano is no stranger to transforming the faces of Tinseltown's loveliest, but it happens to be his first time to makeover a man.

Cernadas' role requires him to sport a five o'clock shadow. It looks seamless for such rugged characters as Guevara, Cobain and Bono, but not for clean-cut men like Kennedy, Bogart and Peppard. Shaving it is out of the

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question as he has to be back on the set by Monday morning.

To his credit, Serrano tempers Cernadas' stubbly face by first covering it with several layers of concealer. He then applies foundation and face powder, which he constantly adjusts depending on the shade and contours he wants to achieve.

Admittedly he has initial misgivings about Cernadas' ability to do justice to the images. His doubts soon give way to admiration as the actor assumes one look after another.

"Segundo is more than just a pretty boy," says Serrano. "He is able to hold his own beside a chameleon like Iza."

Such rapport and chemistry will certainly come in handy as the two stars from opposite parts of the globe lure soap fans every night of the week starting tomorrow.

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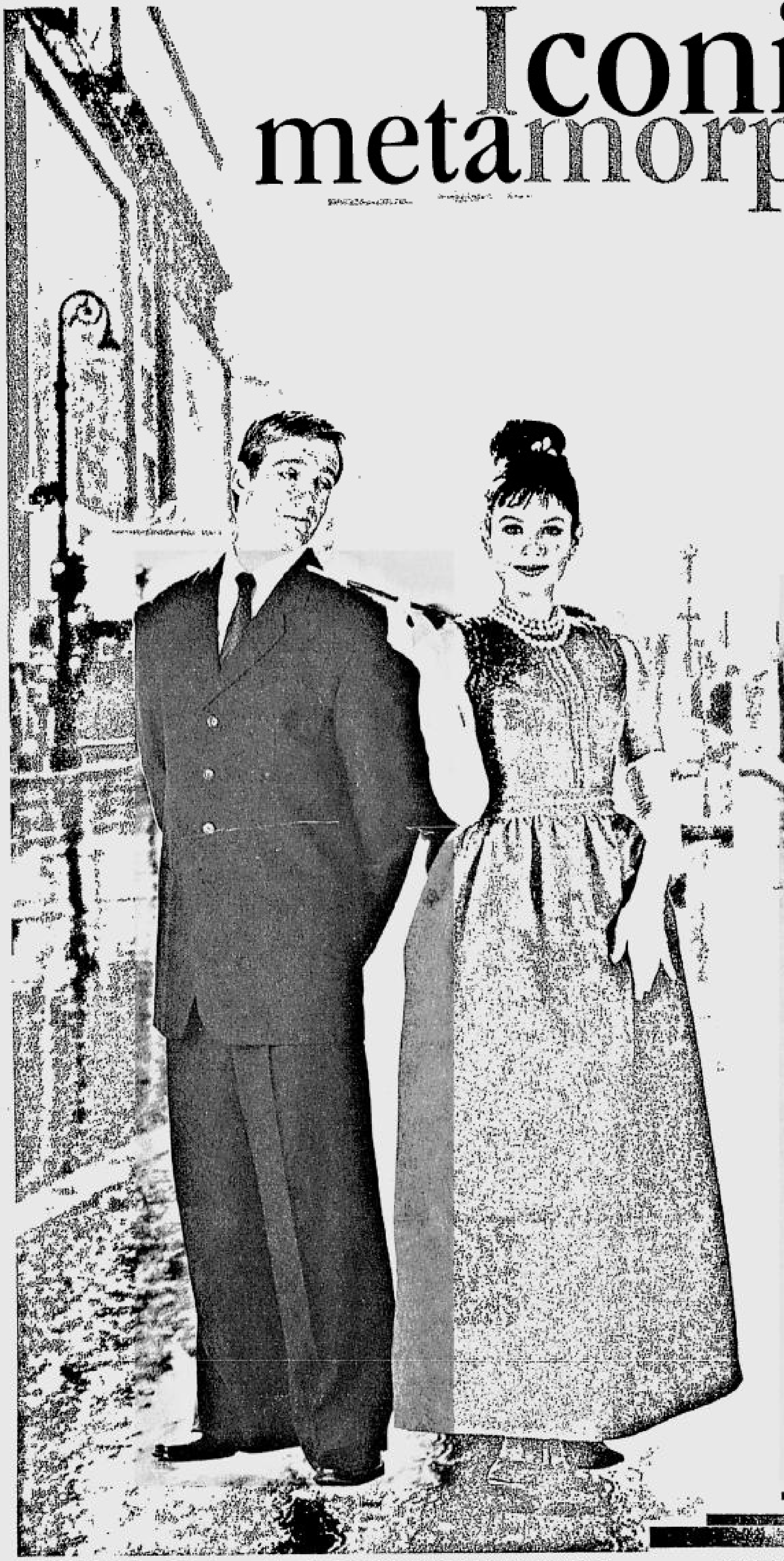
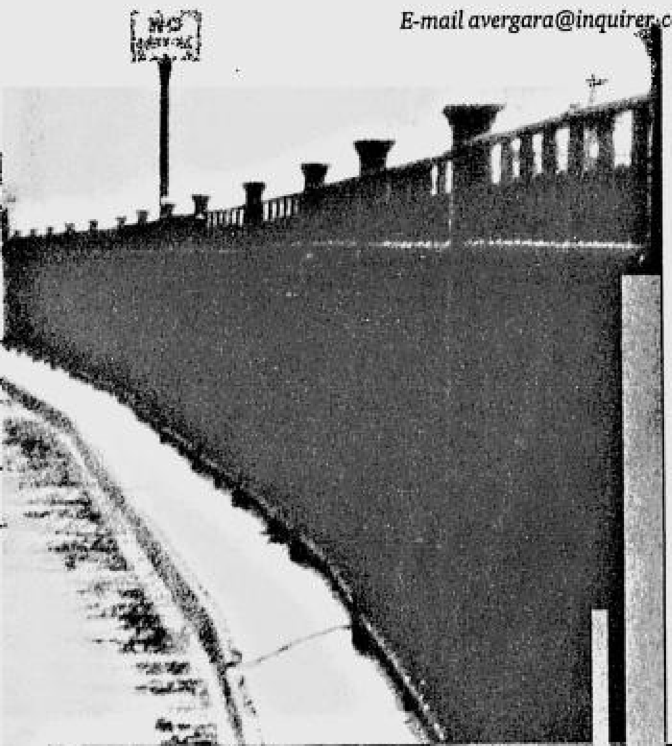
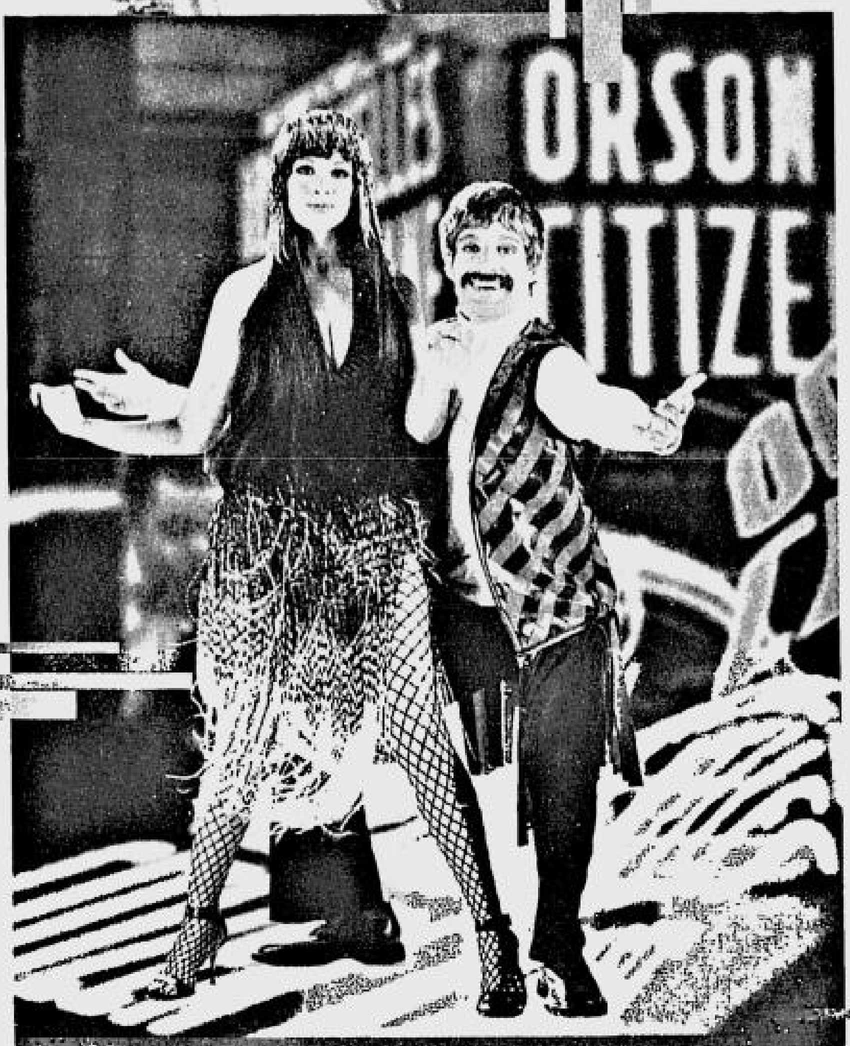
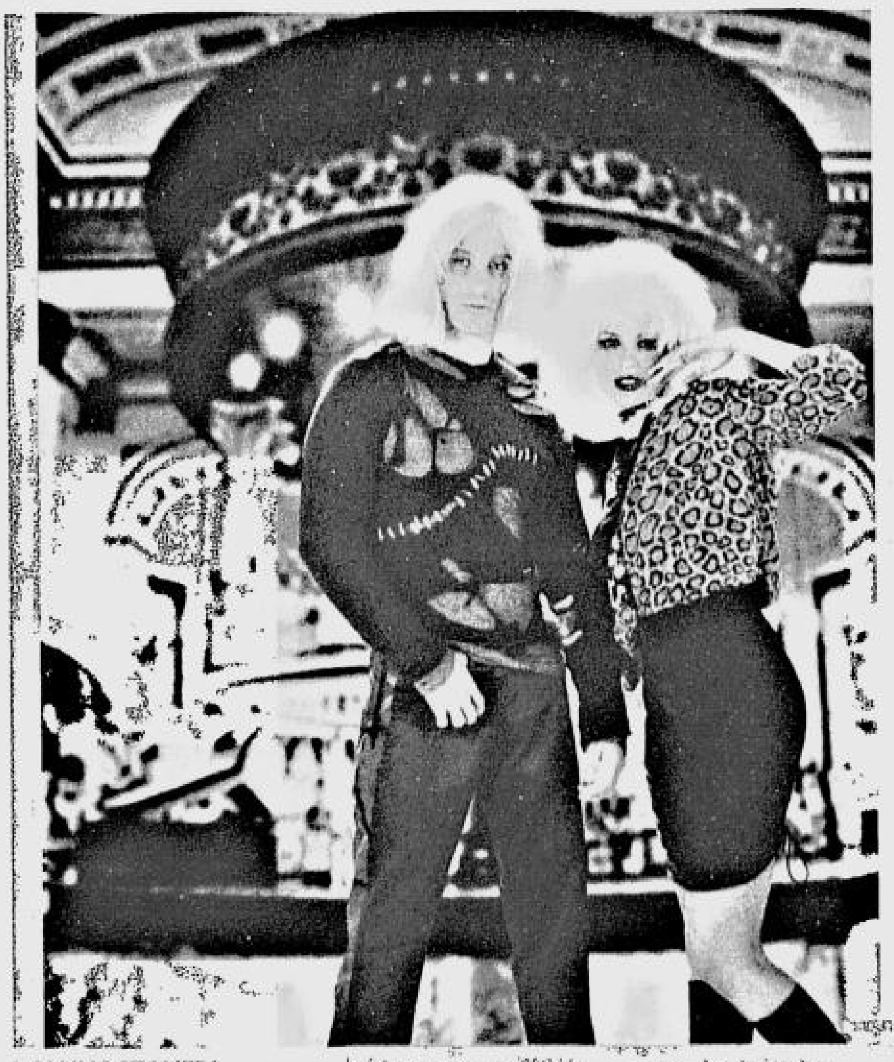


LADY IN RED. Auggie Cordero updates Audrey Hepburn's black gown in "Breakfast at Tiffany's" by using duchess satin for the red ball gown. He uses the same fabric to spruce up the belt, armhole and bodice with fringed detail. White gloves and pearl necklace and earrings complete the look. The navy suit made of light wool crepe is inspired by the one George Peppard wore in the movie.

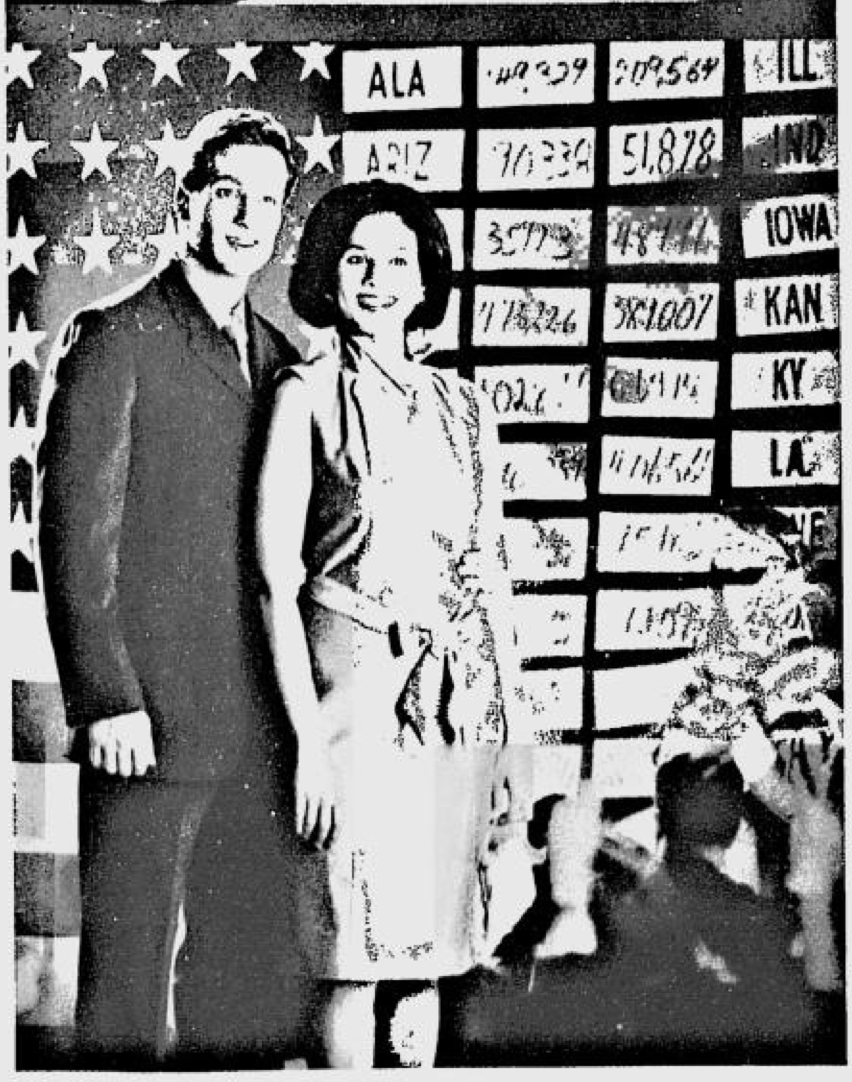




BABE. It's showtime for "Cher" as she slips into Eric Pineda's beaded halter maillot with fringed skirt in black and silver pailletes. The diva goes over the top, literally and figuratively, in matching beaded wig. "Sonny Bono" wears a white mock turtleneck top with black corduroy bootleg pants. His fringed vest is made from stripes of red and black softskin leather hand-woven in mat pattern.



ROLLING STONED!
Ivarluski Aseron goes grunge by fashioning a green leopard-printed chiffon jacket and a little black dress made of spandex with ruching detail for "Courtney Love." "Kurt Cobain" wears a pair of black pants and a distressed black jersey tee with slashing and metal details.



AMERICAN CAMELOT. "Jacqueline Kennedy" stands by her man in Randy Ortiz's alaskin dress with funnel neckline and semi A-line silhouette. President-elect "John Kennedy" looks victorious in charcoal grey sharkskin wool suit with iridescent purplish green shirt, silk tie and handkerchief.

A soapy pair to fall in love with

The new soap opera 'Te Amo' brings together a Filipino damsel and an Argentinean hunk

WHAT'S new, Buenos Aires? Dennis Lustico goes retro with an electric-pleated mint blue gown for "Evita Peron." The V-necked number, which harks back to the 1940s, is cut on the bias. The fitted white shirt for "Che Guevara" is by Ivarluski Aseron, while the light gray tuxedo pants is by Joey Samson.

IN THE convoluted world of the telenovela, "Te Amo's" (Spanish for "I Love You") story is pretty much par for the course: wicked stepmother and stepsister make life a living hell for Rosela, the show's pretty but naïve heroine. Orphaned at a young age, she is forced by her tormentors to quit school to sell fish.

Except for the occasional slapping and hair-pulling she absorbs, Rosela's life has become pretty much humdrum, until she stumbles on an unconscious Fernando one fine day on the beach.

The handsome stranger, it turns out, is a Latino. How he wound up in the Philippines is anybody's guess, but it doesn't take a genius to guess that he now suffers from —yes!—amnesia.

After the where-am-I-, who-are-you bit, the two hurdle a million and one obstacles in the name of love.

Of course, like the beleaguered characters of countless soap operas, they end up in each other's arms before the series draws to a close four months from now.

How they manage to do this is for you to find out as GMA-7 starts airing its latest homegrown offering tomorrow, 8 p.m.

What definitely sets this production apart from other local sudsy dramas is its cast. East meets West in the persons of newcomer Iza Calzado, 21, youngest daughter of former dancer Lito Calzado, and Argentinean heartthrob Segundo Cernadas.

"This is my first time to do the lead," says Calzado, who once played villain to good friend Sunshine Dizon in a now-defunct soap. "It's also probably the first local production of its kind to star a foreigner. Of course, I'm nervous as we await the outcome."

Cernadas, 31, has starred in soaps in Latin America, but this will be his first time to be part of an Asian production.

GMA executives thought of casting the soft-spoken Latino after seeing him several seasons earlier in "Monica Brava." This time, he delivers his lines in English, Spanish and a sprinkling of Filipino.

"I never expected to be here," says Cernadas of his first trip to Asia. "It's very common for us to work in other parts of Latin America, but not in Asia. It was strange for me [at first] to receive the offer."

After much fanfare marked by Cernadas' arrival in Manila in October, the show's cast, together with directors Khrys Adalia and Lore Reyes, immediately went to work in Ternate, Cavite.

The show's cast and crew have a little over a month to go before their five-day workweek wraps up in early March. The cast includes Elizabeth Oropesa, Angelu de Leon, Tonton Gutierrez, Johnny Delgado, Jomari Yllana and Wilma Doesnt.

We have yet to find out if their love affair has flourished beyond the cameras, but the pair claims to be at ease with each other on and off cam.

Such chemistry is evident as they assume their respective characters for this photo shoot. They chat with each other and the rest of the crew during breaks.

She describes him as pleasant. He admires her for her simplicity. They both overcame their apprehensions on the first day of taping. The kissing scene did it!

"I was quite tense [before the shoot]," says Calzado. "Who wouldn't be? Aside from being a virtual stranger, he's also a foreigner. I'm glad it [the scene] came out well."

After she told him of her fears, the foreigner reassured her by telling her that he, too, felt the same way. In fact, it was harder for him, as he was the stranger working for the first time in a strange land.

"We then smiled at each other before exchanging high fives," she says. "It went smoothly from then on."

As the days wore on, Cernadas' "Filipino side" started to emerge. He turned out to be as outgoing as the next guy, even cracking jokes with "Pilita," one of the soap's resident makeup artists.

"He's such a cowboy," says Calzado. "He's not the vain or fussy type. No matter who you are or what you do on the set, he goes out of his way to make you feel important."

Cernadas also has kind words for Calzado, who, he says, reminds him of Scarlet Ortiz, a Venezuelan actress he worked with in Peru: "She doesn't pretend to be a star, which makes communicating [with her] easier. She can tell me her problems, and I can tell her mine. That's very important."

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Free dental check-ups will be conducted in 200 public schools nationwide. Now, there's no excuse for not being able to have one's teeth checked. Children and adults are invited to spend a weekend in a public school nearby and avail of these free check-ups by volunteer dentists. Plus, free Colgate toothpaste and toothbrushes will be given away to ensure that the public continues to take care of their teeth at home. Free tooth extractions will also be given to those who need it and lectures on proper brushing habits will also be held.

Since Oral Health Month aims to educate the public on proper health care, Dr. Rabbit, the Colgate mascot, will also be reinforcing the 4 key oral hygiene tips in supermarkets nationwide:

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4) Consult your dentist at least once a year.

Celebrating Oral Health Month this February is a wonderful way to start a life-long habit of proper dental health. Let's show how much we love our teeth by taking good care of it every single day of the year.

Two ways to bring back smiles

The Philippine Dental Association (PDA) is committed to bring back the smile into the lives of as many Filipinos as they can reach. Since their inception, they have put in motion a large number of projects that fulfill this aim. From basic programs like proper oral health education, to free dental check-ups, to more focused programs such as free dental surgery.

Two of the programs that have been making a difference in the lives of the less fortunate are the Operation Sagip Ngiti Program and the Libreng Pustiso Program. These two worthwhile initiatives are aimed at reaching Filipinos at the rural levels, and giving them something to smile about.

Operation Sagip Ngiti Program

People with cleft lips and cleft palates used to find it hard to smile because of their condition. But thanks to the PDA, they were given hope that they could smile again.

Operation Sagip Ngiti is a program that helps less fortunate patients who cannot afford to undergo cleft lip and palate operations. With the help of different organizations, free surgery is now given to people with this problem. Just last year, more than 300 patients were able to avail of this program. This was courtesy of the Cavite Dental Society, as well as other local chapters and affiliate chapters of the PDA nationwide.

This year, during the weeklong celebration of the National Dental Health Week, it is expected that the different dental chapters will once again hold this free surgery program and bring back more smiles to more of our countrymen.

Helping the PDA out in the Operation Sagip Ngiti program are the Philippine College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the AFP Dental Society.

Libreng Pustiso

Another program of the PDA that has benefited many Filipinos since it started is the Libreng Pustiso Program. Like the Operation Sagip Ngiti, this is a lifetime commitment of the Association to the Filipino people.

This program aims to give free dentures - both partial and complete - to the less fortunate. This brings back the smile on their faces and helps them go back to their normal routine. During the duration of the program last year, the organization was able to help hundreds of people. This year's goal is to help twice that number of people by providing them with dentures, on a nationwide level.

But realizing that prevention is more important, the Libreng Pustiso Program has a built-in public awareness program that highlights the importance of proper oral health care. Lectures on proper eating and brushing habits, and regular visits to the dentist are made, so their teeth stay strong and healthy.

And like Operation Sagip Ngiti, this program will be conducted simultaneously, in different areas around the Philippines, through different dental chapters and affiliates.

Colgate and PDA Partnership

Colgate and the PDA - Partners in dental health

"Kinabukasa'y Isipin, Ngipi'y Pagyamanin, Pangangalaga'y Gawin, Wastong Kalusuga'y Kakamtin" is this year's theme of the 54th National Dental Health Week. Admittedly, a very noble aspiration but an undoubtedly daunting task for one organization. It's a good thing Colgate and the Philippine Dental Association are once again joining hands in making this celebration a success.

Proper oral health for every Filipino is what drives this long-standing partnership. Colgate, the leader in oral care, has consistently come up with breakthrough technology in all its oral care products. Colgate has also gone the extra mile when it comes to helping the Filipino. It has done its share with its free dental check-ups, school programs, scholarships and other civic-oriented projects. The PDA has also come up with its own projects such as the Operation Sagip Ngiti and Libreng Pustiso programs. The Libreng Pustiso program aims to give free dentures to indigent patients. And this year's goal is to help twice as many people as they did last year. This activity will also be conducted simultaneously by the different dental chapters nationwide. The Operation Sagip Ngiti program, on the other hand, helps indigent patients who cannot afford to undergo cleft lip or cleft palate operations. These operations will now be made available to them for free - care of the Operation Sagip Ngiti of the Philippine Dental Association.

These are the different projects which Colgate and the Philippine Dental Association are extending to our indigent communities during National Dental Health Week. It is their way of bringing oral health into every Filipino home.

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I greet the officers and members of the Philippine Dental Association on the occasion of your 54th National Dental Health Week.

I laud this organization for its years of dedicated service to provide our countrymen with quality dental health care services. Your unwavering commitment to look after the well-being of our people is truly commendable.

More than ever, we need to join hands and intensify our efforts to make all Filipinos live healthy, productive, and fulfilling lives. The services you provide complement our government's health care programs. By reaching out to our countrymen in dire need, you are helping our Administration hasten the day when every Filipino will have access to proper dental health care.

May you find the resolve to accomplish more for the welfare of your members, your community and our country as you mark this important event in your organization.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

GMArroyo
Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
President
Republic of the Philippines

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Improving oral health care in the country is one of the challenges that the health sector is faced with as we lurch head-on into the new millenium. However, the battle against dental problems is yet to be won and we still have to intensify the promotion of proper oral care through a sustained campaign to raise dental health awareness.

The way to win the war is not easy and is fraught with a multitude of obstacles to deal with. It therefore becomes imperative to empower our people with the kind of knowledge, attitude and skills that will instill in them the proper way of caring for their oral health, as well as preventing the onset of dental health problems. It is necessary to focus on creating greater awareness regarding the importance of dental health among our people in response to the realities and challenges of the times.

To the members of PDA, my congratulations to you all! Your achievements have contributed much to the improvement of oral health services in the country.

It is my fervent hope that the health education activities presented by experts will redound to the betterment of our health care services.

The Department of Health wishes you a successful weeklong celebration.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

Manuel M. Dayrit MD, MSc
Secretary
Department of Health

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

February 1, 2004 (Sunday)

5:00am to 8:00am	-	Alay Parada Street Dancing/Dental Colleges Colgate Smile Art Creation Parade
8:30am to 10:00 am	-	Opening Ceremony - PDA (Folk Arts Theater) 54th NDHW Celebration
8:00am to 11:00 am	-	Free Dental Check-ups for the 1st 1,000 Patients Colgate Dental Van (in front of Folk Arts Theater)
10:00am to 11:30am	-	Inter-Dental School Cheering Competition/Awarding Ceremony
12:00 noon to 1:00pm	-	Post Opening Motorcade 2004 (FAT to Festival Supermall)
2:00pm to 5:00pm	-	Formal Opening of Dental Fair (Festival Supermall Filinvest, Muntinlupa City)
10:00am to 6:00pm	-	PDA Archives Exhibit (Festival Supermall, Filinvest, Muntinlupa City)
2:00pm to 6:00pm	-	Consultation Hour (Festival Supermall, Filinvest, Muntinlupa City)

February 2, 2004 (Monday)

8:00am to 9:00am	-	Thanksgiving Mass (PDA Building)
8:00am to 4:00pm	-	Libreng Pustiso Alay ng PDA (PDA Grounds)
8:00am to 5:00pm	-	PDA Chapters / Affiliates Nationwide Community Outreach Activities
10:00am to 3:00pm	-	Poster/Slogan Contest - Awarding Ceremony (Festival Supermall Filinvest, Muntinlupa City)
10:00am to 6:00pm	-	PDA Dental Fair, Consultation Hour, Archives Exhibit, Kiddie Dental Carnival (Festival Supermall, Filinvest, Muntinlupa City)

February 3, 2004 (Tuesday)

8:00am to 4:00pm	-	Operation Sagip Ngiti (Minor Surgical Operation) (PDA Clinic)
8:00am to 12:00 noon	-	Labrido Memorial Lecture (Hyatt Hotel)
8:00am to 5:00pm	-	PDA Chapters/Affiliates Nationwide Community Outreach Activities
2:00pm to 6:00pm	-	Consultation Hour (Festival Supermall, Filinvest, Muntinlupa City)
10:00am to 6:00pm	-	PDA Archives, Dental Fair (Festival Supermall Filinvest, Muntinlupa City)

February 4, 2004 (Wednesday)

8:00am to 4:00pm	-	Indigency Clinic (PDA Building)
8:00am to 5:00pm	-	PDA Chapters/Affiliates Nationwide Community Outreach Activities
10:00am to 3:00pm	-	Healthy Smile & On-the-Spot Essay Writing Contests (Festival Supermall, Filinvest, Muntinlupa City)
	-	Awarding Ceremony (On-the-Spot Writing Contest & Healthy Smile)
2:00pm to 6:00pm	-	Consultation Hour (Festival Supermall, Filinvest, Muntinlupa City)
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8:00am to 4:00pm	-	Indigency Clinic (PDA Building)
8:00am to 5:00pm	-	PDA Chapters/Affiliates Nationwide Community Outreach Activities
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2:00pm to 6:00pm	-	Consultation Hour (Festival Supermall, Filinvest, Muntinlupa City)
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February 6, 2004 (Friday)

8:00am to 4:00pm	-	Indigency Clinic (PDA Building)
8:00am to 5:00pm	-	PDA Chapters/Affiliates Nationwide Community Outreach Activities
8:00am to 12 noon	-	PDA Community Outreach Project (Rosario, Pasig City)
8:00am to 12 noon	-	Kick-off - Free Dental Check-ups in 200 Public Schools nationwide (Dasmariñas Elementary School, Dasmariñas, Cavite)
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February 7, 2004 (Saturday)

8:00am to 5:00pm	-	Bowling Tournament (Pearl Plaza, Parañaque City)
2:00pm to 6:00pm	-	Consultation Hour (Festival Supermall, Filinvest, Muntinlupa City)
10:00am to 6:00pm	-	PDA Archives, Dental Fair (Festival Supermall Filinvest, Muntinlupa City)

February 8, 2004 (Sunday)

5:00pm to 6:00pm	-	Mass for Feast Day of St. Apolonia
8:00am to 5:00pm	-	PDA Tennis Tournament (Camp Aguinaldo)
6:00pm to 12:00 midnight	-	Closing Ceremony and Appreciation Night

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THE PHILIPPINE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Calcium - The key to healthy teeth

Colgate Maximum Cavity Protection

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Colgate toothpaste continues to lead the way in giving the Filipino a reason to smile through its cavity fighting toothpaste, Colgate Maximum Cavity Protection.

It contains micro-particles of calcium and active fluoride for stronger teeth. Cavities begin when calcium is lost below the tooth's surface. Only dentists can repair cavities. But the scientists at Colgate developed an advanced toothpaste formula to help prevent cavities. Micro-particles of calcium restore lost calcium, and active fluoride penetrates teeth to lock in calcium, for healthier and stronger teeth. So, there is no need for mothers to worry. Colgate Maximum Cavity Protection also has a great refreshing taste that the whole family can enjoy everyday.

Trust Colgate to give you and your family a lifetime of healthy smiles. And save the world from cavities by starting right at your own home.

Whiter teeth in a minute

Colgate Simply White

Getting whiter teeth used to be a chore. This usually meant waiting for hours in a clinic, or other time-consuming processes. But thanks to Colgate's advanced dental technology, all these are reduced to a minute a day, for just 14 days. All courtesy of a breakthrough called Colgate Simply White.

Colgate Simply White is the first-of-its-kind teeth whitening product designed for home use. It's a clear whitening gel that's simple to use, affordable and effective. All you need to do is take the applicator and brush the gel directly on to your teeth. Do this twice a day for 2 weeks, and you'll see the sparkling results.

Colgate Simply White works more effectively in helping you get whiter teeth. It works both at and below the surface of the teeth to make them sparklingly white at the fraction of the time.

Having been in the market for months, people from different backgrounds have tried the product. They were all smiles when asked about the results. Some have seen improvement just days into the program, and all of them attest that after 14 days, they've got a big reason to smile - whiter teeth that you're proud to show off.

Colgate has also launched an online self-help service - the Simply White Whitening Center. Just log on to www.colgatesimplywhite.com.ph and you can get information and tips on teeth whitening and dental hygiene. You can also take a self-evaluation test to see how white your teeth can be after using the product.

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Simply White

Don't waste a minute more. Get into the white habit by using Colgate Simply White.

Enjoy a blast of Vitamin C

Colgate Fresh Confidence Citrus Blast Gel

Who says Vitamin C can only be found in the food we eat or in the vitamins we take?

Colgate the leader in oral-care has just come up with another first! Introducing, Colgate Fresh Confidence Citrus Blast Gel! It's the only gel toothpaste with Vitamin C that purifies breath for long-lasting freshness. It also has an antibacterial system that kills "bad-breath" germs. Colgate Fresh Confidence Citrus Blast Gel's fresh lemon flavor gives you a tingling, clean sensation in the mouth that lasts for hours.

Colgate Fresh Confidence Citrus Blast Gel is especially designed to cater to today's trendy, modern, young adults who are often exposed to situations where they need their breath to be at its freshest. Having fresh breath gives them the confidence to interact freely with peers. And it makes them feel better about themselves and about all the things happening around them.

So, on your next grocery trip, grab a tube of Colgate Fresh Confidence Citrus Blast Gel with Vitamin C. You'll C and feel the difference!

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Let us, therefore, double our efforts within our limited resources to implement the initiatives behind the objectives of the National Dental Health Week, which is to arouse oral health consciousness among the young and old. We need a consistent and dynamic booster in the delivery of our health system in the country and we cannot afford to lose touch of the good and viable effects that it will bring to our people.

Dr. Arsenio Donesa
President
Philippine Dental Association

For the past 54 years, the Philippines has been celebrating National Dental Health Week. And whenever this event comes around, it is greeted with a steadfast commitment and an unwavering dedication by everyone involved. It is with great pride that Colgate continues to be a part of this very important event.

This year's theme "Kinabukasa'y Isipin, Ngipi'y Pagyamanin, Pangangalaga'y Gawin, Wastong Kalusuga'y Kakamtin" best describes what the National Dental Health Week hopes to achieve.

It is our objective to raise oral health consciousness among Filipinos. To do that, we at Colgate have prepared several activities which we hope will bring the Filipinos closer to attaining good oral health. Our partnership with the Philippine Dental Association, and the Department of Education, has enabled us to give strong support to this endeavor by means of free dental check-ups, educational lectures, and free Colgate products like toothpaste and toothbrushes, to get proper oral health habits off to a good start. Also, Colgate's Bright Smiles Bright Futures Program, which has been on-going for the past 7 years, continues to support the schools through educational materials that are part of the Grades I - III curricula.

It's wonderful to be able to spend an entire week celebrating proper dental care. But it is my fervent hope that even after the week is long gone, the public will continue to take to heart what so many people have worked so hard on - to achieve a better, healthier tomorrow for the Filipino. Let's all join hands in this endeavor and continue to Save the World from Cavities!

Antonio Campos-Neto
President & General Manager
Colgate-Palmolive Philippines, Inc.

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Maximum Cavity Protection
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**Kaya mas sigurado ka,
protektado ang ngipin ng pamilya.**

Get your teeth and gums in shape

Colgate Massager

Imagine the soothing feeling of a good massage ... having your muscles kneaded and stimulated through a series of systematic movements. This not only helps you feel invigorated, it also does wonders for your health.

That same feeling you get in your body, you can now get for your teeth and gums. The secret is a new toothbrush called Colgate Massager.

The latest breakthrough addition to Colgate's Oral Care products, the new Colgate Massager Toothbrush promises you a unique, invigorating way to clean your teeth. Its innovative soft, rubber bristles massage and stimulate your gums to help keep them healthy. Just as it relaxes, this toothbrush cleans unlike any other toothbrush as well. Its flexible head adapts to your teeth's contours, while multi-length bristles go deep between the teeth to remove plaque and residue that a regular toothbrush may not reach. To make brushing easier, it has a wide handle and rubber cushioned grip for better comfort and control. In short, these features give you that invigorating "aaaahhhh" feeling in the mouth every time you brush your teeth.

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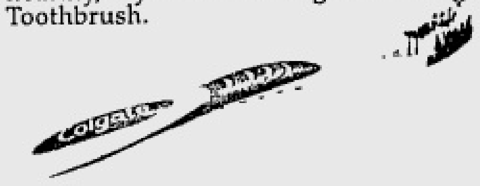

Creating brighter smiles in schools

Bright Smiles, Bright Futures

For the past 7 years, Colgate has been saving the world from cavities with its Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Program. Colgate, the Philippine Dental Association and the Department of Education have been going to public schools to teach kids proper brushing and dental care. In fact, just to show how serious the three partners are in making the children realize the importance of proper dental health, the program has been included in the Grades 1, 2 and 3 curricula.

The Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Program has been very successful in putting wide smiles on the children's faces. Dr. Rabbit, the Colgate mascot, is a familiar face in most of the school's educational materials. And, with the coming of the Oral Health Month celebration, Dr. Rabbit is again expected to play an important role in making the children understand and appreciate the importance of dental health. Dr. Rabbit will visit the schools to teach the children how to brush their teeth properly, in a fun and playful way.

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TRAVEL

LANUZA through the rain

SURF'S up.

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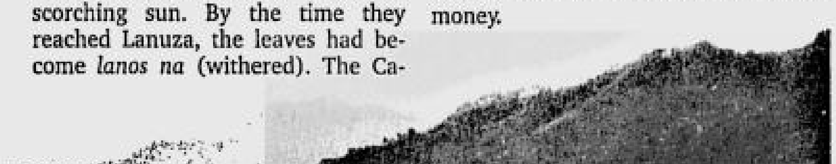
This means Lanuza strikes the best waves during the continuous rainy months, October and February, the kind that gives the surfing industry the needed high. But keep an eye open for the contrasting scenario—occasional sightings of families fleeing mud and torrential rains.

The "forces" intend to promote the Doot Poktoy surf ground, Magcawas Falls, Campamento Cave, Lanuza Marine Park and Sanctuary, and *agsam* craft, to offset what reality has to offer. But this would be another story to tell.

The other surfing sites in Lanuza are the Tago River, Marami Beach, Glenda's, Cauit and Kelly's Point, Moshi-moshi and Big Star.

According to organizers of the surfing heat, Lanuza's eight-foot waves will definitely give Monalisa Breaks in La Union, Aurora and Catanduanes a run for their money.



VIEW of Lanuza Bay from the guard house

I don't know if the promoters are aware of such a claim. Having covered surfing for three years all over the country, I know that the surf ground has got to be more than impressive. The so-called wave rolls should be consistent, fluent at intervals, and firm enough to favor the killer maneuvers that surfers love.

So I watch the proceedings like a fierce digger for gold, wondering from the bench if the judges, composed mainly of foreigners, are surf experts.

At one point, Aldea proposes that we sneak out of Doot Poktoy to visit the Lanuza Marine Park and Sanctuary in Barangay Sibajay, the Magcawas Falls, and the *agsam* weavers and *pirik-pirik* makers.

This is a backpacker itinerary intended to savor the best of Lanuza despite the inclement weather.

We climb the view deck ahead of Kapulungan Lanuza Mandaragat (Kalma) chair Rodolfo Sullano, who, along with 33 others, works as "volunteer" in the park.

The three-kilometer sanctuary is home to various fish species. As many as 300 households live nearby and are aware of the sanctuary's identity as a protected eco-tourism site.

One can go for a dip or climb up to the view deck but fishing in the sanctuary is a no-no. Among the rules imposed are: no dumping of domestic waste, and no use of fine-mesh nets or destructive gear.

Merely a few strides across is the Magcawas Falls, located in a beautiful three-hectare spread owned by the Orioste family. The hardwood mangyum and the orchard replete with purple yam and cassava and endless rows of bananas dominate the landscape; *guyang* (small shrimp) is abundant in its waters.

Business is good for training seminars, conferences and receptions. The cottages are rented out for P50 to P75 a day, and the session hall at P500 a day, exclusive of food.

We all agree that eco-tourism sites are plus points to entice tourists. Visitors are warned that Lanuza is devoid of hotels, inns and pension houses. Home-stay accommodations are arranged with the city government.

As of this writing, 18 residences have qualified for the home-stay program. The owners, all first-timers, have been sent by the city government to take crash courses in basic housekeeping, meal preparations and budgeting.

The agreed-on rate is on a per-person, per-day basis: P150 and P100 (air-conditioned and not), inclusive of coffee any time of the day.

Because of the nature of the arrangements, it is important that host and client meet on the first day to discuss vital matters: meals, curfew hours, bedding.

Naturally, a number of preferences go with home-stay arrangements. For example, Lanuza tourism officer Hanalee Cuber and family prefer all-female, adult guests. The Cuber household is composed mainly of women and is thus careful about choices.

Other households prefer a wake-up call at 8 a.m. and a curfew of 10 p.m. Drinking sprees, noisy meetings and other such sessions are frowned at.

With a downpour cutting short our stay in Magcawas, we head to Nurcia where the *agsam* weavers are found.

Agsam is a type of vine purportedly found only in Surigao del Sur. It is said to be worn by natives as talisman against evil spirits.

Today, says Norma Roza de Lara, proprietor of De Lara Agsam Novelties, the *agsam* is worn as a fashion accessory: bracelet, belt, bag, case for cigarettes or cell phone, hair clip, headband.

"We get our supply from the Mamanwaa cultural communities, who grow the vine in the hinterlands," she says. Cebu and Davao supply the accents of colorful beads and polished shells.

The weavers say producers from other provinces now clone their products. But they are unfazed because Nurcia, after all, has the marked originality and tradition to back it.

If Nurcia prides itself in *agsam*, the folk of Sitio Ipil live by the reputation that they are the original makers of the local wine called *pirik-pirik*.

The makers live near the wetlands, where a vast growth of *nipa* palm trees is found. This rainy Saturday afternoon, Jovelyn and Romel Lambang's place is the nearest we can reach. The others are accessible only by boat (called *baroto*).

Jovelyn quickly leads us to their house. Romel, stuck on the second and final brewing, virtually turns the place fragrant with the smell of palm juice emanating from the exhaust.

The Lambangs share the four-foot-high *puong* (stove) with seven others. Their sole market is the town of Madrid, where distributors buy their wine at P300 per container.

Despite the difficulty of working with crude technology, Romel simply shrugs his shoulders at any prospect of improvement, rationalizing that he and the other wine makers do this to complement the seasonal benefits of farming.

In truth, Lanuza could have been a good experience for us. The problem was, we came at a bad time, marked by incessant heavy rains. As much as we wanted to discover other areas, we could not.

And this, I believe, is a good excuse to pack our bags and head to Surigao once more.

The daily flight from Manila to Butuan City by plane (one-and-a-half hours) costs P3,098 plus. It takes four-five hours on an air-conditioned bus (Bachelor Express, P253) to get to Tandag. Then there's an hour-long jeep ride from Tandag to Lanuza.

Via Cebu, a plane ride to Surigao City takes 45 minutes. From there, a non-air-conditioned bus (Bachelor Express, P175) makes the five-hour trip to Lanuza.

Or you can take a plane from Cebu to Tandag in 45 minutes (Tuesdays and Saturdays, Sea Air, P2,205).

SPIRITS called "pirik-pirik"

TRAVELBRIEFS

'Astro Cookout'

WEEKENDS promise fun at the Seven Suites Hotel Observatory (Sumulong Highway in Antipolo City, across from the Valley Golf Country Club) with the "Astro Cookout."

Your family and friends can savor a Hawaiian-luau-style buffet (salads, pasta, pizza, ribs, teriyaki, kebabs, steaks, desserts) under a starry sky while enjoying a view of the metro city lights.

To complement the food trip, Seven Suites' in-house astronomer Ramon Acebedo will take guests to an exciting journey into the universe.

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Valentine treat

CELEBRATE the Valentine month at Oxford Suites (Durban corner P. Burgos streets in Makati City), which is offering special rates for the junior suite and the O Suite until Feb. 29.

The junior suite is available for P3,500++, to cover overnight accommodations for two with breakfast and romantic dinner.

Or you can go all-out with the O Suite, which has a mezzanine bedroom and a magnificent view of the metropolis, for P9,000++, inclusive of overnight accommodations for two with breakfast, bottle of wine and romantic dinner.

The 27-story boutique hotel is within walking distance of international restaurants and a number of multinational corporations. Metro Manila's premier business and commercial district is minutes away.

Call 6700-3333 or visit www.oxfordsuitesmakati.com.

Annual travel fair offers discounts, promos and other bonuses

THE 11TH TravelTour Expo (TTE), an exhibition of travel and tourism services and products, opens on Feb. 6 at the Megatrade Halls 1 & 2 of the SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City.

Organized by the Philippine Travel Agencies Association (PTTA) with the theme "The World of Travel Possibilities," the three-day event provides travel agencies, tour operators, airlines, hotels, travel groups, tourism offices and travel-related companies the chance to take their merchandise direct to the consumer.

"Exciting destinations for long-haul cruises are offered this time, with opportunities to check out new vacation spots and weekend getaways at off-season rates," says Sandra Sierra, TTE public relations committee chair.

The annual fair draws not only trade practitioners and travel buffs but also convention organizers, incentive planners, corporate travelers, direct buyers and investors.

At least 100 exhibitors will present the best sites, sounds and scenes of the Philippines, as well as premier travel destinations around the world, says Sierra.

She says the TTE is a much awaited event every first quarter of the year because it offers air fare discounts of up to 40 percent, discounted holiday tour packages, extra nights at hotels, bonus coupons and raffle promos to visitors making bookings at the display booths.

"Over 60,000 people attended last year's travel expo. On-site sales this year is expected to go past the P100-million mark," Sierra says.

Among the activities scheduled are a Filipiniana fashion show, stand-up comedy by Cebu Pacific airline, a song-and-dance show by Legenda hotel, and a special presentation by Philippine Airlines. There will also be exhibits on arts and crafts and luggage and travel accessories.

As an incentive to exhibitors, prizes are given to the best-decorated and most-visited booths, and the best marketing strategy.

The fair is a flagship project of the PTTA, the largest travel association in the country, which was founded to foster unity in the travel industry and to promote the welfare of its members and the traveling public.

The PTTA is recognized by international airlines, hotels, resorts, insurance and cruise companies, and works closely with government agencies, embassies and consulates. Its current president is Marciano Ragaza.

The TTE is co-presented by the Department of Tourism, with Equitable Card and PAL as its official credit card and official carrier, respectively. For inquiries, call 552-0026 to 29.

Vangie Baga-Reyes

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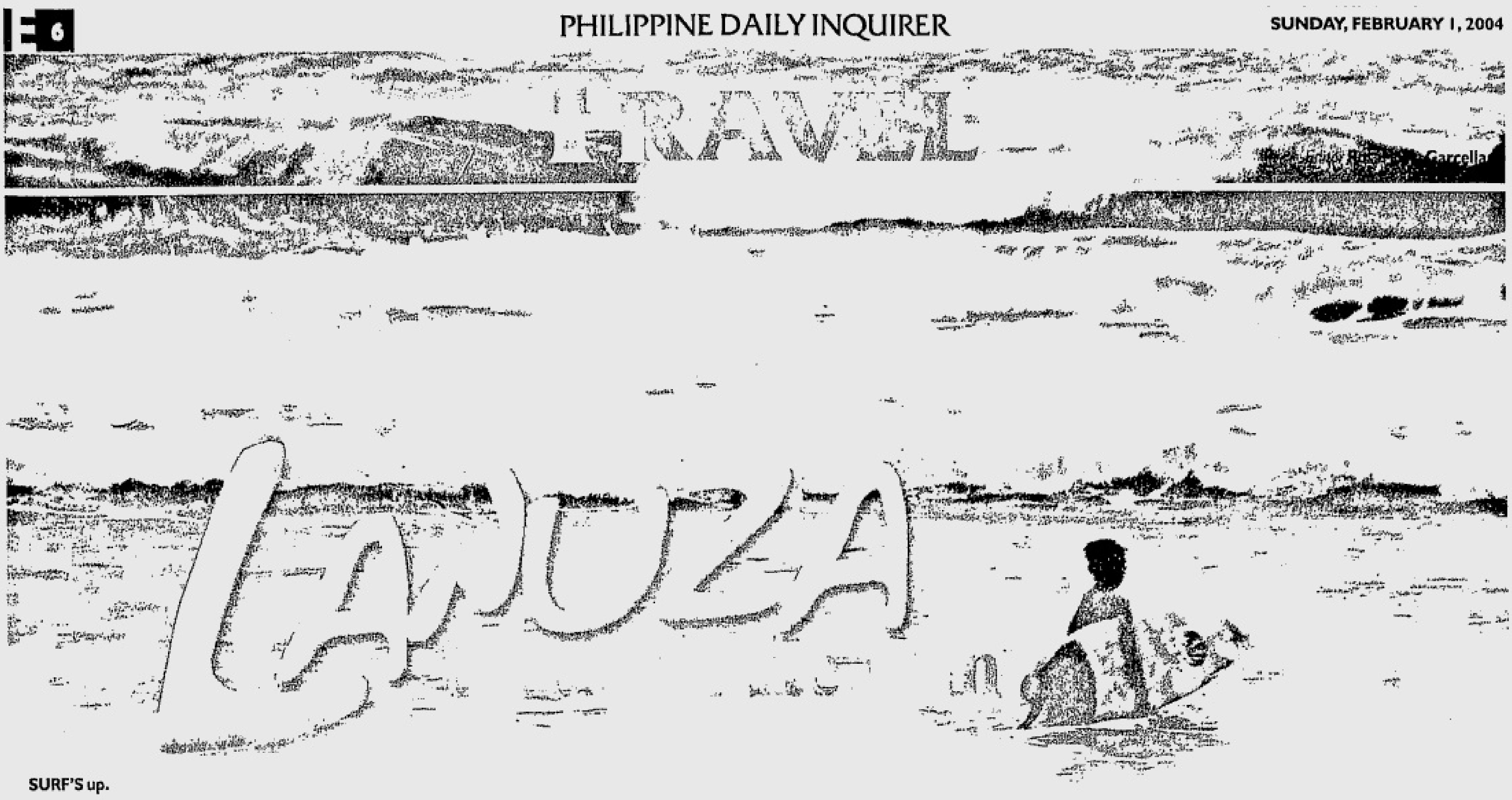

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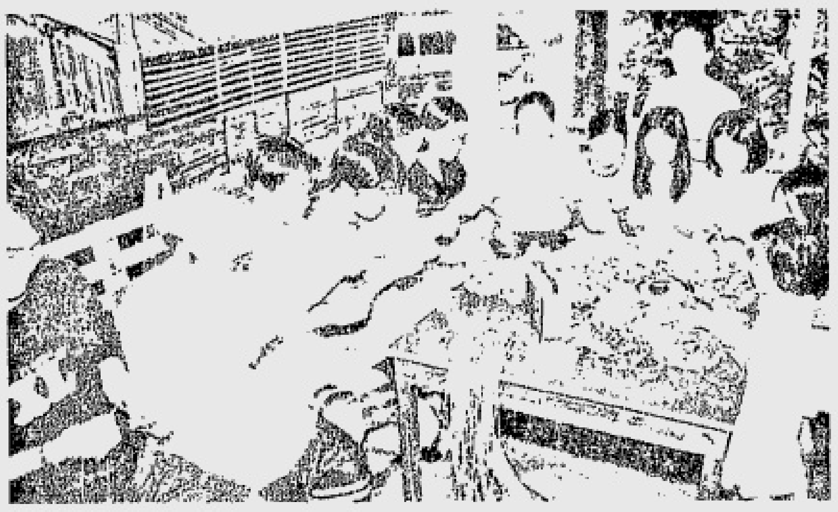

NURCIA folk weaving "agsam"

The modern-day, US-based magazine The Surf Report describes Lanuza as a place with a flawless river mouth. Its waves spin long perfect rights on a big swell at low tide. There is a hollow tube section at take-off and there are long section walls up to 200 meters.

This means Lanuza strikes the best waves during the continuous rainy months, October and February, the kind that gives the surfing industry the needed high. But keep an eye open for the contrasting scenario—occasional sightings of families fleeing mud and torrential rains.

The "forces" intend to promote the Doot Poktoy surf ground, Magcawas Falls, Campamento Cave, Lanuza Marine Park and Sanctuary, and *agsam* craft, to offset what reality has to offer. But this would be another story to tell.

The other surfing sites in Lanuza are the Tago River, Marami Beach, Glenda's, Cauit and Kelly's Point, Moshi-moshi and Big Star.

According to organizers of the surfing heat, Lanuza's eight-foot waves will definitely give Monalisa Breaks in La Union, Aurora and Catanduanes a run for their money.

I don't know if the promoters are aware of such a claim. Having covered surfing for three years all over the country, I know that the surf ground has got to be more than impressive. The so-called wave rolls should be consistent, fluent at intervals, and firm enough to favor the killer maneuvers that surfers love.

So I watch the proceedings like a fierce digger for gold, wondering from the bench if the judges, composed mainly of foreigners, are surf experts.

At one point, Aldea proposes that we sneak out of Doot Poktoy to visit the Lanuza Marine Park and Sanctuary in Barangay Sibajay, the Magcawas Falls, and the *agsam* weavers and *pirik-pirik* makers.

This is a backpacker itinerary intended to savor the best of Lanuza despite the inclement weather.

We climb the view deck ahead of Kapulungan Lanuza Mandaragat (Kalma) chair Rodolfo Sullano, who, along with 33 others, works as "volunteer" in the park.

The three-kilometer sanctuary is home to various fish species. As many as 300 households live nearby and are aware of the sanctuary's identity as a protected eco-tourism site.

One can go for a dip or climb up to the view deck but fishing in the sanctuary is a no-no. Among the rules imposed are: no dumping of domestic waste, and no use of fine-mesh nets or destructive gear.

Merely a few strides across is the Magcawas Falls, located in a beautiful three-hectare spread owned by the Orioste family. The hardwood mangyum and the orchard replete with purple yam and cassava and endless rows of bananas dominate the landscape; *guyang* (small shrimp) is abundant in its waters.

Business is good for training seminars, conferences and receptions. The cottages are rented out for P50 to P75 a day, and the session hall at P500 a day, exclusive of food.

We all agree that eco-tourism sites are plus points to entice tourists. Visitors are warned that Lanuza is devoid of hotels, inns and pension houses. Home-stay accommodations are arranged with the city government.

As of this writing, 18 residences have qualified for the home-stay program. The owners, all first-timers, have been sent by the city government to take crash courses in basic housekeeping, meal preparations and budgeting.

The agreed-on rate is on a per-person, per-day basis: P150 and P100 (air-conditioned and not), inclusive of coffee any time of the day.

Because of the nature of the arrangements, it is important that host and client meet on the first day to discuss vital matters: meals, curfew hours, bedding.

Naturally, a number of preferences go with home-stay arrangements. For example, Lanuza tourism officer Hanalee Cuber and family prefer all-female, adult guests. The Cuber household is composed mainly of women and is thus careful about choices.

Other households prefer a wake-up call at 8 a.m. and a curfew of 10 p.m. Drinking sprees, noisy meetings and other such sessions are frowned at.

With a downpour cutting short our stay in Magcawas, we head to Nurcia where the *agsam* weavers are found.

Agsam is a type of vine purportedly found only in Surigao del Sur. It is said to be worn by natives as talisman against evil spirits.

Today, says Norma Roza de Lara, proprietor of De Lara Agsam Novelties, the *agsam* is worn as a fashion accessory: bracelet, belt, bag, case for cigarettes or cell phone, hair clip, headband.

"We get our supply from the Mamanwaa cultural communities, who grow the vine in the hinterlands," she says. Cebu and Davao supply the accents of colorful beads and polished shells.

The weavers say producers from other provinces now clone their products. But they are unfazed because Nurcia, after all, has the marked originality and tradition to back it.

If Nurcia prides itself in *agsam*, the folk of Sitio Ipil live by the reputation that they are the original makers of the local wine called *pirik-pirik*.

The makers live near the wetlands, where a vast growth of *nipa* palm trees is found. This rainy Saturday afternoon, Jovelyn and Romel Lambang's place is the nearest we can reach. The others are accessible only by boat (called *baroto*).

Jovelyn quickly leads us to their house. Romel, stuck on the second and final brewing, virtually turns the place fragrant with the smell of palm juice emanating from the exhaust.

The Lambangs share the four-foot-high *puong* (stove) with seven others. Their sole market is the town of Madrid, where distributors buy their wine at P300 per container.

Despite the difficulty of working with crude technology, Romel simply shrugs his shoulders at any prospect of improvement, rationalizing that he and the other wine makers do this to complement the seasonal benefits of farming.

In truth, Lanuza could have been a good experience for us. The problem was, we came at a bad time, marked by incessant heavy rains. As much as we wanted to discover other areas, we could not.

And this, I believe, is a good excuse to puck our bags and head to Surigao once more.

The daily flight from Manila to Butuan City by plane (one-and-a-half hours) costs P3,098 plus. It takes four-five hours on an air-conditioned bus (Bachelor Express, P253) to get to Tandag. Then there's an hour-long jeep ride from Tandag to Lanuza.

Via Cebu, a plane ride to Surigao City takes 45 minutes. From there, a non-air-conditioned bus (Bachelor Express, P175) makes the five-hour trip to Lanuza.

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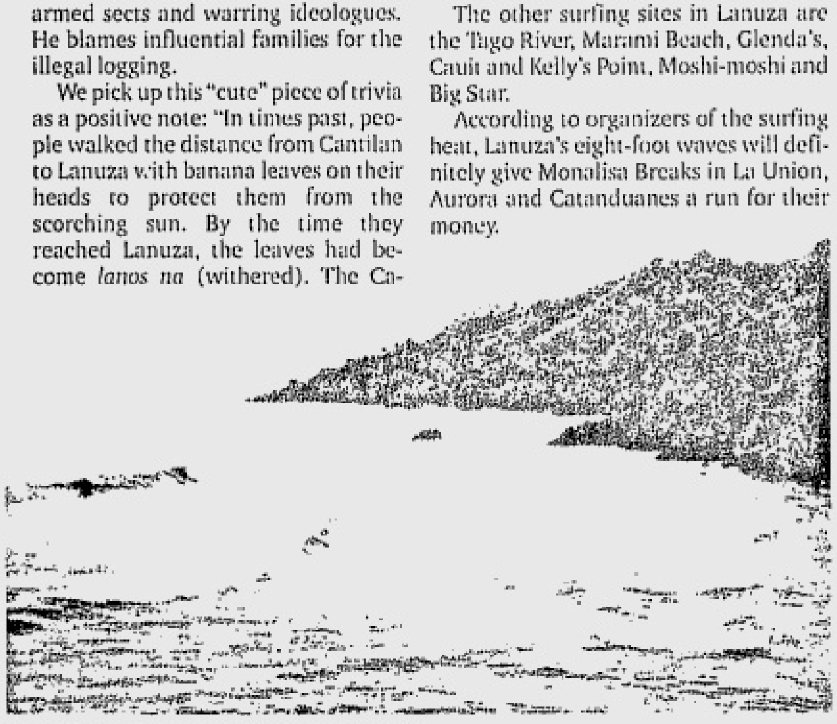
SPIRITS called "pirik-pirik"



VIEW of Lanuza Bay from the guard house

Annual travel fair offers discounts, promos and other bonuses

THE 11TH TravelTour Expo (TTE), an exhibition of travel and tourism services and products, opens on Feb. 6 at the Megatrade Halls 1 & 2 of the SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City.

Organized by the Philippine Travel Agencies Association (PTTA) with the theme "The World of Travel Possibilities," the three-day event provides travel agencies, tour operators, airlines, hotels, travel groups, tourism offices and travel-related companies the chance to take their merchandise direct to the consumer.

"Exciting destinations for long-haul cruises are offered this time, with opportunities to check out new vacation spots and weekend getaways at off season rates," says Sandra Sierra, TTE public relations committee chair.

The annual fair draws not only trade practitioners and travel buffs but also convention organizers, incentive planners, corporate travelers, direct buyers and investors.

At least 100 exhibitors will present the best sites, sounds and scenes of the Philippines, as well as premier travel destinations around the world, says Sierra.

She says the TTE is a much awaited event every first quarter of the year because it offers air fare discounts of up to 40 percent, discounted holiday tour packages, extra nights at hotels, bonus coupons and raffle promos to visitors making bookings at the display booths.

"Over 60,000 people attended last year's travel expo. On-site sales this year is expected to go past the P100-million mark," Sierra says.

Among the activities scheduled are a Filipiniana fashion show, stand-up comedy by Cebu Pacific airline, a song-and-dance show by Legenda hotel, and a special presentation by Philippine Airlines. There will also be exhibits on arts and crafts and luggage and travel accessories.

As an incentive to exhibitors, prizes are given to the best-decorated and most-visited booths, and the best marketing strategy.

The fair is a flagship project of the PTTA, the largest travel association in the country, which was founded to foster unity in the travel industry and to promote the welfare of its members and the traveling public.

The PTTA is recognized by international airlines, hotels, resorts, insurance and cruise companies, and works closely with government agencies, embassies and consulates. Its current president is Marciano Ragaza.

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Vangie Baga-Reyes

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ART session at Galerie Astra with Egai Fernandez (in blue) and gallery owner Eduardo Soler (standing)

WELCOME the Year of the Wooden Monkey with high expectations for a better future filled with good luck and prosperity.

MASTER Chau, National Artist Arturo Luz and Mina Gabor painting the dragon's eyes

Whirlwind January unites designers and chefs

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

IS January a slow month? Not at all, at least as far as the party scene goes.

January proved unexpectedly as busy as December in the social scheme of things. Aside from birthday parties, product launches and celebrations, the Chinese New Year came early and fell in January as well, adding to the hectic pace of the month.

For years, I was an avid feng shui follower of the late **Paul Lao**, a flamboyant geomancer who used to have grand festivities to usher in the next animal year. Paul and I had the chance to work together on several residential and commercial projects through which I was able to imbibe the general principles of channeling positive energy into a place.

Of course, my mathematically minded, ever-logical husband, **Dennis**, is not into this whole feng shui thing, but like I always say, it doesn't hurt anything to listen to a geomancy expert.

Since Master Paul passed away (I guess that's his destiny, not feng shui), I haven't attended any major "Kung Hei Fat Choy!" celebration. Until recently, that is. At the blessing of the International Design Center, a new hub for furniture and art, I got to do the whole shebang of painting the dragon's eyes, ears and mouth and watch an authentic lion dance.

> From opening a furniture art show to competing with chefs on the golf course, the Year of the Monkey is turning out to be quite exhilarating

Whether the whole ceremony will shower me with abundant blessings or just sprinkle me with a bit of good luck, I was just happy to discover this building, which showcases local furniture and art that are normally for export only. It's nice to see exporters who are finally catering to the local market.

In my interior design business, I attend trade shows, but am usually not allowed to purchase anything. But now, everyone can shop or even just drop by to window shop. Do check out the furniture/art scene in the IDC building on N. Garcia Street in Makati City. Support our local industries and still get value for your money.

Alive and kicking

As I cut the ribbon with the other guests of honor, including National Artist **Arturo Luz**, I was so glad to see that the art world is once again alive and kicking. Walking through the many galleries, I spotted one of my longtime favorite artists, **Egai Fernandez**. His work was the first painting I ever bought, and soon after, Dennis purchased a bigger one for our first anniversary.

That was 10 years ago, so it's now just a blur. In the hope that he's reading this, I shall hope for an original **Amorsolo** when we

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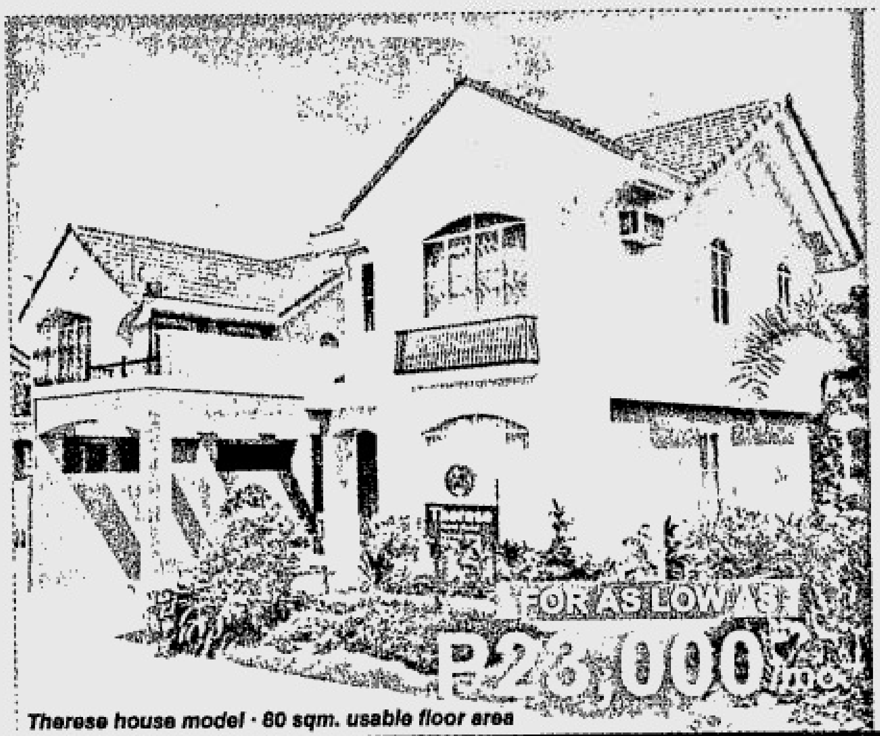

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Canonical coronation of Our Lady of Mercy requested

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Josephine Darang

DR. ALVIN Balatbat, pediatric hematologist oncologist of Candaba, Pampanga, said the Our Lady of Mercy Parish in barrio Bahay Pare was working for the canonical coronation of their patroness, Our Lady of Mercy. Request has been sent to Archbishop Ponciano Aniceto of the Diocese of San Fernando who will, in turn, submit it to the Papal Nuncio who will send it to the Vatican for approval.

Attached to the request are testimonies of miracles collated by James Mananghaya, a newspaper correspondent who experienced a miracle himself when he covered a military encounter with the New People's Army years back. He survived after praying to the Our Lady of Mercy.

Lahar 'skips' Candaba

When Our Lady appeared to St. Peter Nolasco on Aug. 2, 1218, she promised the redemption of Christian captives held by the Muslims. When Mt. Pinatubo erupted in June 1991 the people of Bahay Pare in Candaba were spared from the flowing *lahar*.

Mananghaya writes: During this eruption, the entire province of Pampanga, except this town, was covered with pyroclastic materials. A state of calamity was declared by the government. Hundreds of thousands of families were left homeless, especially Aeta communities living along the slopes of Mount Pinatubo. Surprisingly, there was nary an incident of heavy ash fall in Bahay Pare when, in fact, the pyroclastic materials reportedly reached not only some parts of nearby provinces but also Taiwan. This miracle was attributed to the Our Lady of Mercy.

OUR Lady of Mercy, patroness of Candaba, Pampanga

Saved from earthquake

When a killer earthquake struck on July 16, 1990 in Zambales, Nana Tarcing Baylon's daughter Vicky was living in Baguio with her husband Dr. Ed Liong, a physician at the Baguio General Hospital, and their children. Nana Tarcing prayed hard to the Our Lady of Mercy to save them. When the earthquake occurred, Vicky's house collapsed and it was difficult for the family to get out of the house.

Vicky and her children prayed to the Our Lady of Mercy when they saw the image given to them by Nana Tarcing. Suddenly, they saw a small opening in the door that allowed them to rush out to safety. This story was told later by Vicky's siblings who rushed to Baguio to find out what happened to their sister and her family.

Those who wish to have prayers and the scapular of Our Lady may text Dr. Alvin Balatbat at 0916-4453842. How Alvin found the scapular is also a miracle. He was in New York a year ago and passed by St. Patrick Cathedral. At the religious store, he saw the scapular of the Our Lady of Mercy. A facsimile of the scapular is being made by the inmates of the Correctional for Women in Mandaluyong.

Faith in the Sto. Niño

They have so much faith, said Alice Padlan when she saw hundreds of people waiting patiently for the Sto. Niño de Providencia to return to His chapel on Pijuan St. in BF Resort Village from the church after a procession on Jan. 27. At 3 p.m., hundreds attended the Holy Mass at the Mary Mother of God Church inside the village.

People came from as far as Mindanao to pay homage to Him and to thank Him for favors granted, especially the healing of terminal illnesses. The devotion to the Sto. Niño de Providencia has grown since the image began secreting oil from His body on Jan. 27, 1992. Testimonies of miracles have spread by word of mouth.

The Philippine Air Force Band played during the procession. And when the "Niño" returned, carried by men with tears in their eyes, the people lit sparklers to light His way.

Thanks to the kindness of Olive Berge, my brother and I were brought home in her van. The Sto. Niño helped us.

Healing by Father Cacao

Eddie Marfori faxed me the healing schedule of Fr. Diwane Cacao as the Diocese of San Pablo is marking Healing Month in February. Churches to be visited and their parish priests are: 6 p.m., Feb. 13, Sta. Rosa Parish, Sta. Rosa Laguna, Fr. Larry Abayon; 6 p.m., Feb. 18, St. John the Baptist Church, Longos, Kalayaan, Fr. Mar Ramos; 5 p.m., Feb. 25, Holy Family Parish, Fr. James Contreras; and 2 p.m., Feb. 28, St. Peter Parish, San Pedro, Laguna, Fr. Ted Real III with the Divine Mercy Prayer Group as sponsor and Sis. Cora Amante as coordinator.

There is also healing at 9 a.m. every Friday at the Sancti Dei Center in Lopez Village, Los Baños, Laguna. And 9 a.m. every Tuesday, Parish Church in Alaminos, Laguna.

KAREN Torres, Lucy Gomez with daughter Juliana, Bro. Chito Bertol, Sr. Tez Bertol, Julie Torres and husband Manoling Torres with a statue of St. Padre Pio (center)

Ina Poonbato visits

Three days after my column on Ina Poonbato came out, Rosellyn Magsaysay already received more than 100 texts requesting for prayer *estampitas*.

Churches requesting for a visit by Ina Poonbato are welcome to text Ms. Magsaysay at 0917-6212332. Ina Poonbato, also called Our Lady of Peace, wants us to spread the prayer for peace because we are living in a troubled world.

St. Padre Pio

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A life-size statue of St. Padre Pio was donated to the center by Manoling and Julie Torres, parents of Lucy Torres Gomez who visited the chapel with her daughter Juliana and sister Karen Torres.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

A chapel dedicated to the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is being built in Barangay Carmen, Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija, according to Bro. Zenki Manabat, a seminarian attached to the Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Quezon City. Funds are needed to build the chapel. Those who want to help can deposit donations to Monte Carmelo de Caridad account, PCI Equitable Bank, account no. 0266-10257-7 (Brixton Hills, G. Araneta branch) or text Bro. Zenki at 0927-3935061.

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Catholic media seminar

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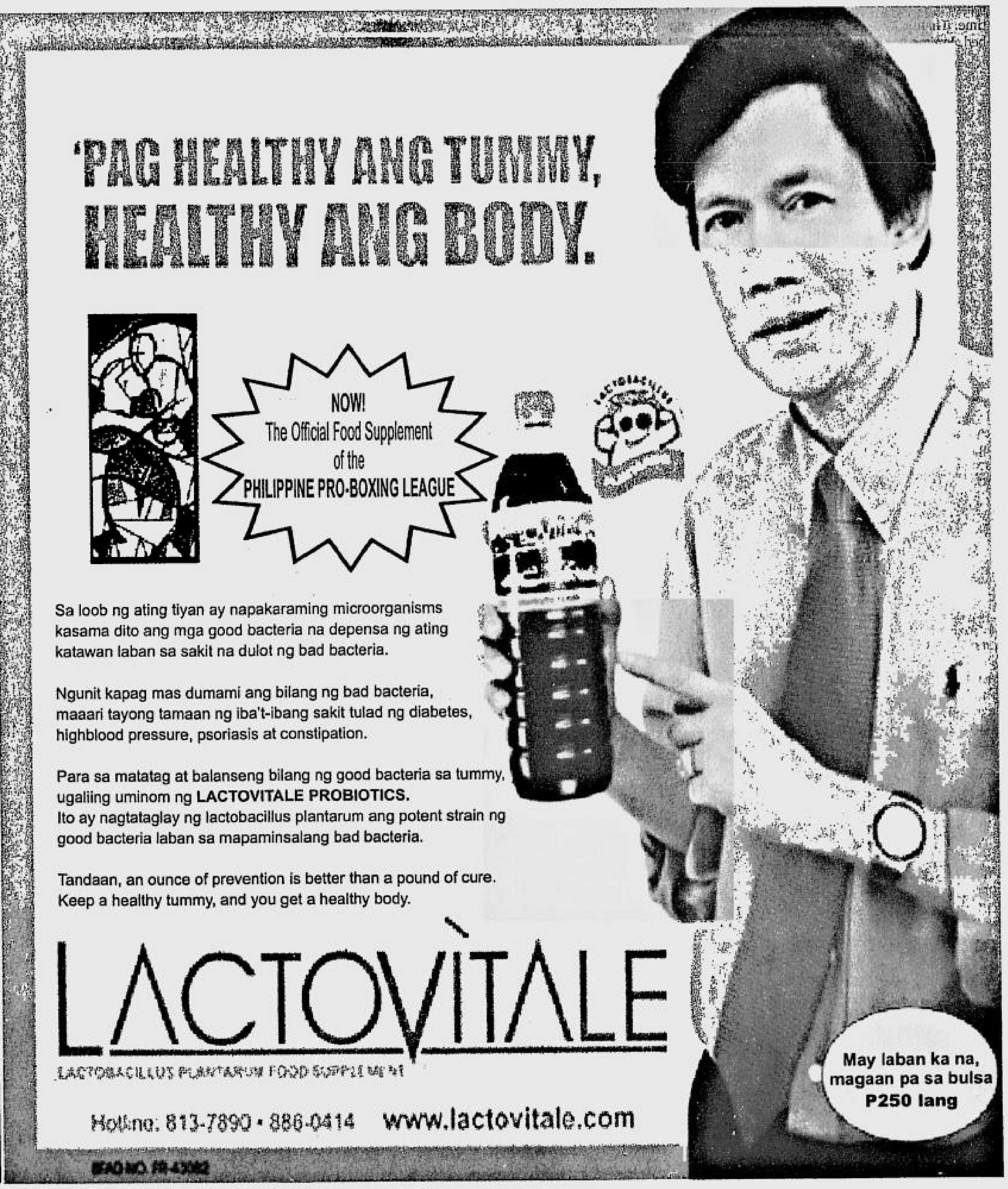

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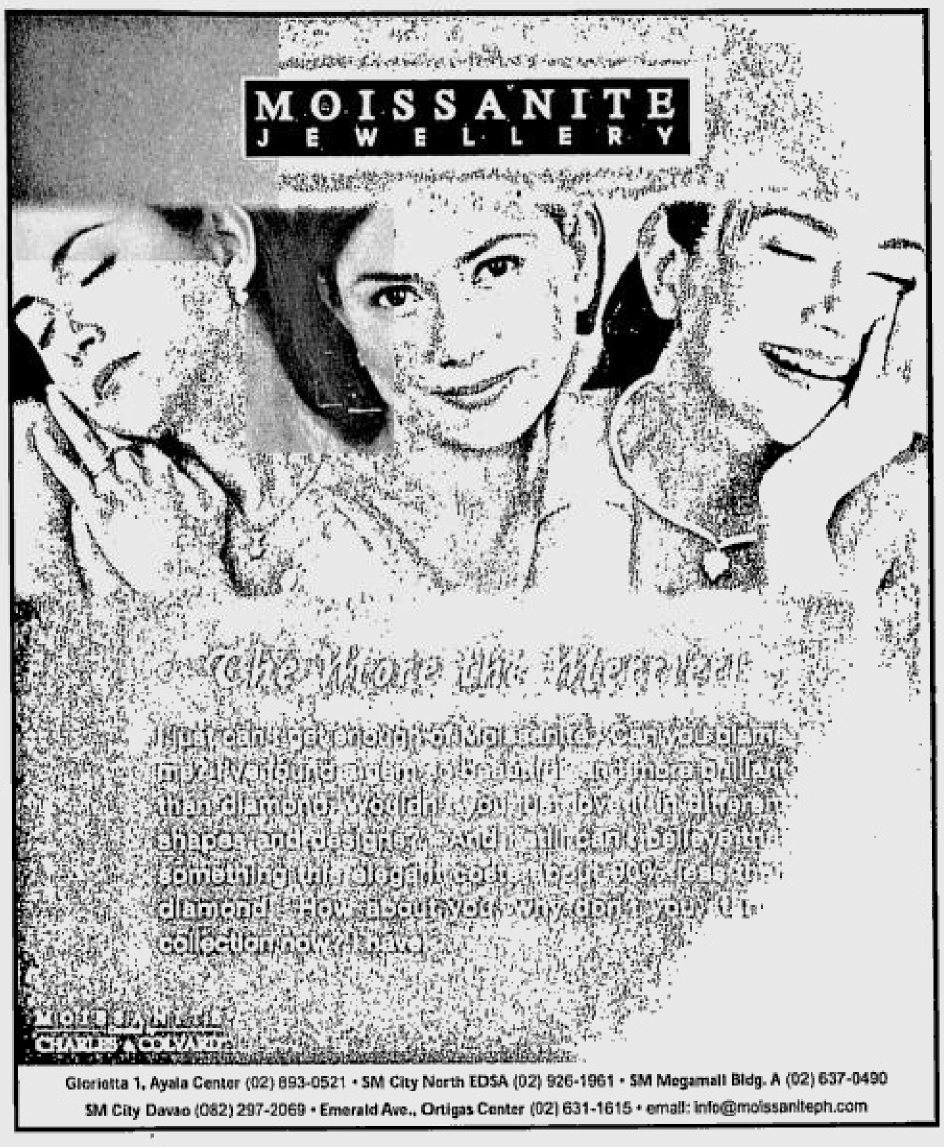

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REYNALDO O.L. "Jon-jon" Odulio and Ethel Joyce J. Espino first met in their native Cabanatuan City.

She was in sixth grade at the College of Immaculate Concepcion and he was in second year high school. Espino, the only daughter of Romeo Salvador Espino and Violeta Juachon, thought of him as some sort of a *kuya*.

She then moved to Metro Manila and enrolled in high school at the Miriam College in Quezon City. Odulio, after graduating from high school, took up BS Applied Economics at the De La Salle University in Manila.

The two met again at the University of Santo Tomas football field. Espino, on her third year at the UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, said she only became more comfortable with him when she was already in medical school. She had started to like him even before he courted her. He would give her little things when he dropped by her house in Fairview.

The third among the four children of Reynaldo Borja Odulio and Rosario Teresita Ortiz-Luis, Odulio, who got his Masters degree at the Asian Institute of Management, is now vice president for operations of Wheeltek Motor Sales Corp., Peer Marketing, and R Cycle companies.

The couple's first date was to see the movie "Serendipity." Then they started going to church together.

Two years ago, although they were not yet officially a couple, he started talking about his plans for both of them. She asked him pointblank if that meant they were "on."

He had planned to make a formal declaration with flowers and all in her house but her question made it unnecessary.

Last Nov. 15, they tied the knot at the Dambana of our Mother of Perpetual Help in Cabanatuan City. Rev. Fr. Noel Odulio San Vicente officiated the ceremony with Rev. Msgr. Michael Alexander Balaria, Rev. Msgr. Elmer Mangalinao, Rev. Msgr. Felix Hernandez, Rev. Fr. Francisco Algas Jr., Rev. Fr. Victor Cruz, Rev. Fr. Mark Ancheta, Rev. Fr. Rene Vigilia, Rev. Fr. Joey Alto, Rev. Fr. Alfonso Saulo and Rev. Fr. Nezelle Lirio as co-celebrants. Carol Banawa's "Panunumpa" was played during the ceremony.

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Couturier Paul Cabral designed the bridal gown, the groom's barong, and the clothes of the groom's parents. Jun Halili designed for the members of the entourage. The wedding motif was fuchsia pink, periwinkle blue and orange. Victor Manuel of Vivere Salon did the hair and makeup. GMA-7 production designer Chito Sumera arranged the flowers.

Reception was at the Orchid Lake Gardens at the Odulio Estate in Palayan City catered by Albergus. Penk Ching of Pastry Bin made the five-foot cake. Danny Vitan provided the lights and sounds. Photographer was Jaime Tee of Studiotech while One Fine Day was bridal coordinator.

At the reception, Odulio surprised his bride by singing "Grow Old With You" from the movie "The Wedding Singer."

Entertainment during the reception was provided by celebrity host TJ Manotoc, singer-actress Jenine Desiderio and impersonator Ate Gay, courtesy of Yamaha, supplier of motorcycles to the Odulio family business. The Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra and the Pop Cycle band also performed.

At the end of the party, the couple sang for his Lolo Elpidio, who was celebrating his birthday the next day.

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Lhuilliers extend party season

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Jaime Picornell

THE HOLIDAY season in Cebu extends well into January. As we all know, the feast of the Santo Niño brings visitors and devotees in droves. No family was busier than that of **Michel** and **Amparito Lhuillier** who organized a series of celebrations.

For one thing, their two daughters were here from abroad. From Paris came **Yvette** with husband **Franck Warnod** and their little boy, **Maxim. Monique** and her husband **Tom Bugbee** came from California.

As everyone knows, Monique is making a mark in the fashion world with her line of bridal and evening formals that almost every celebrity in the United States is wearing.

For the sisters and their families, there was a formal dinner at Michel and Amparito's home in Kamagong, Lahug. Forty guests occupied two tables elegantly lit by silver candelabras. Most of the food served was cooked at home.

Margie Lhuillier, who came from Las Vegas, was the belle of the party. Amparito's mom, **Nita Llamas**, was present, and so was Michel's mom, **Angelita Jones Lhuillier**, who threw another party the next evening at her home in Maria Luisa Park.

Terrific view

The house's vast carpet lawn commands a terrific view of the Cebu channel. On a clear night like the one during the party, the twinkling lights of Bohol fishermen light up the horizon. The children had a great time romping about.

"Who are all these kids? Where did they come from? So many!" joked Mme. Angelita, knowing full well who they all were. "Your great-grandchildren, Mom," said eldest daughter **Angie Mathieu** who was preparing the buffet catered by the Casino Español de Cebu.

The young guests, especially the children of **Christopher** and **Kathy Darza**, **Mikel** and **Claudine Ugarte**, then formed a group in front of Mme. Angelita and danced the "Ocho-Ocho" to the delight of everyone.

"They take after me," quipped Mme. Angelita whose theme parties, complete with *palabas*, are unforgettable. French can-can, anyone?

Dancing into the night

The next party was at the home of Michel and Amparito's younger son **Michael** and wife **Joanna** (nee **Maitland-Smith**), a block away from their grandma, in Maria Luisa. They have an excellent chef who outdid himself on this occasion. A live band played dance music all night and well into dawn.

Since the party was on a weekend, Michel and Amparito's elder son **Charles** and wife **Joanna** (nee **Palanca**) were able to travel from Manila with their two daughters. A leisurely Sunday picnic in Las Palmas, the family's home by the sea in Danao City, helped them gather strength for the next event .

This was "A Night in Bangkok" hosted by Michel and Amparito for two couples: **Dora** and **Tom Bugbee Sr.** (parents of Monique's husband Tom Jr.) and dear friends from California, **Richard** and **Miriam Bauer.** Authentic Thai cuisine was served by **Anthony Ballreich**'s Krua Tai restaurant, with all the attendants garbed in gold Siamese costumes.

"Wow!" friends exclaimed to Michel and Amparito who echoed, "Wow, we've brought in a lot of people from abroad just for these celebrations." Off they all went to spend three glorious days—and nights—at the Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort and, believe us, that is better than going on a trip abroad.

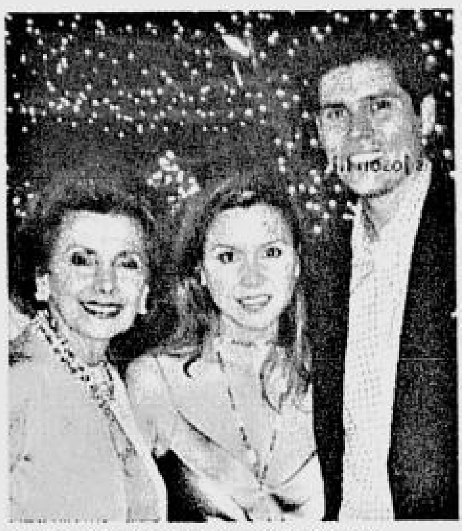
Surprise party

Capping the party season was Michel's birthday a couple of weeks ago. All through the day, he found it strange that none of his close friends called to greet or wish him well. **Jean-Pierre Zialcita** and **Joey Villareal**, chums from way back, blew into town and said something about a Chinese dinner at the Tin Gow of the Waterfront Hotel.

"It's dark," said Michel as Joey and Jean-Pierre ushered him into the private room they said they had reserved. Suddenly, the lights went on and voices shouted, "Surprise, surprise!" Then the crowd of 30 or 40 lustily sang "Happy Birthday."

Amparito chose the lauriat menu with her usual expertise. At the given moment, a cake was wheeled in complete with candles. The merriment went on and on, ending with promises of "same time, next year."

MICHEL Lhuillier on his birthday, surrounded by his children Michael and Yvette, and wife Amparito



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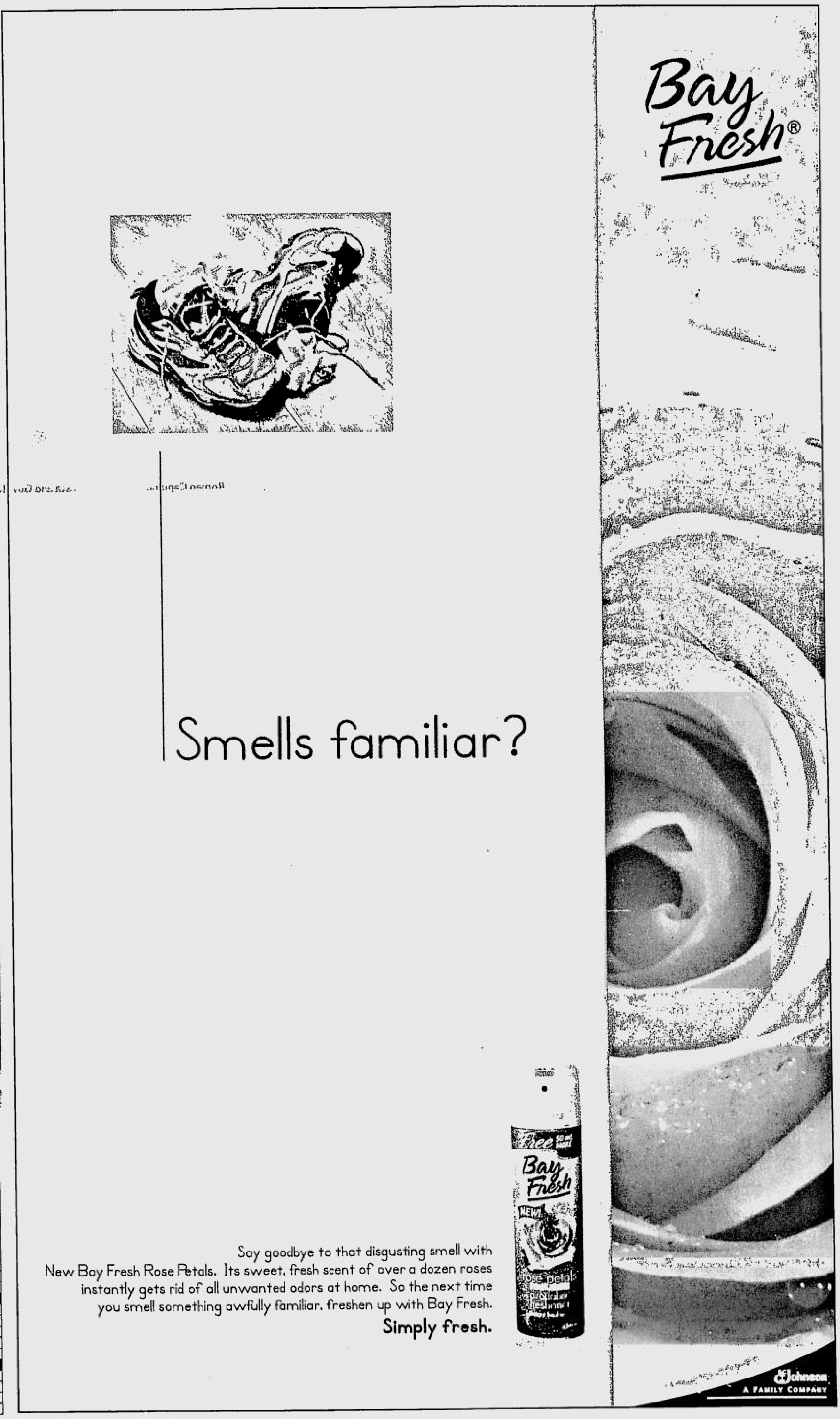

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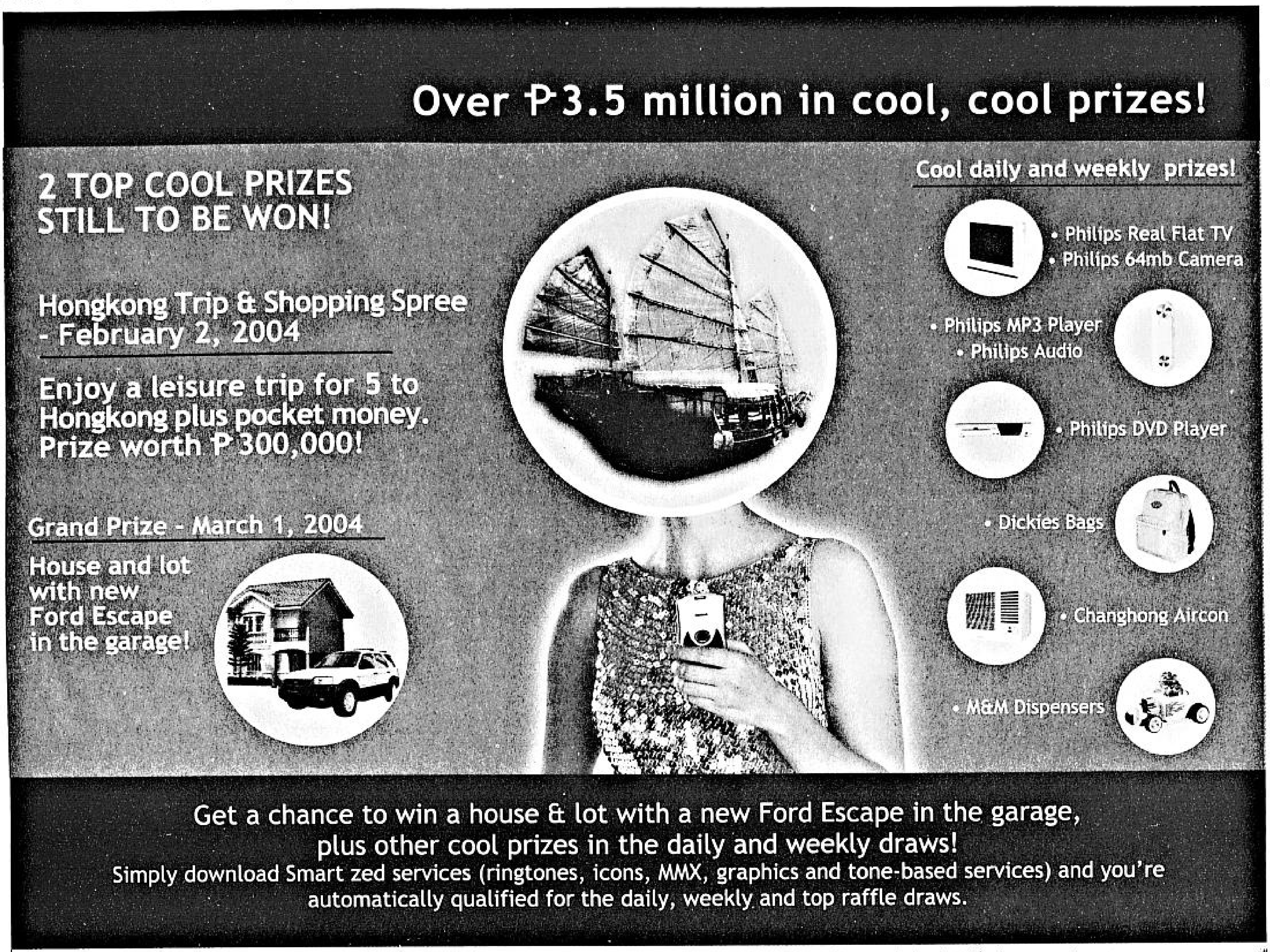

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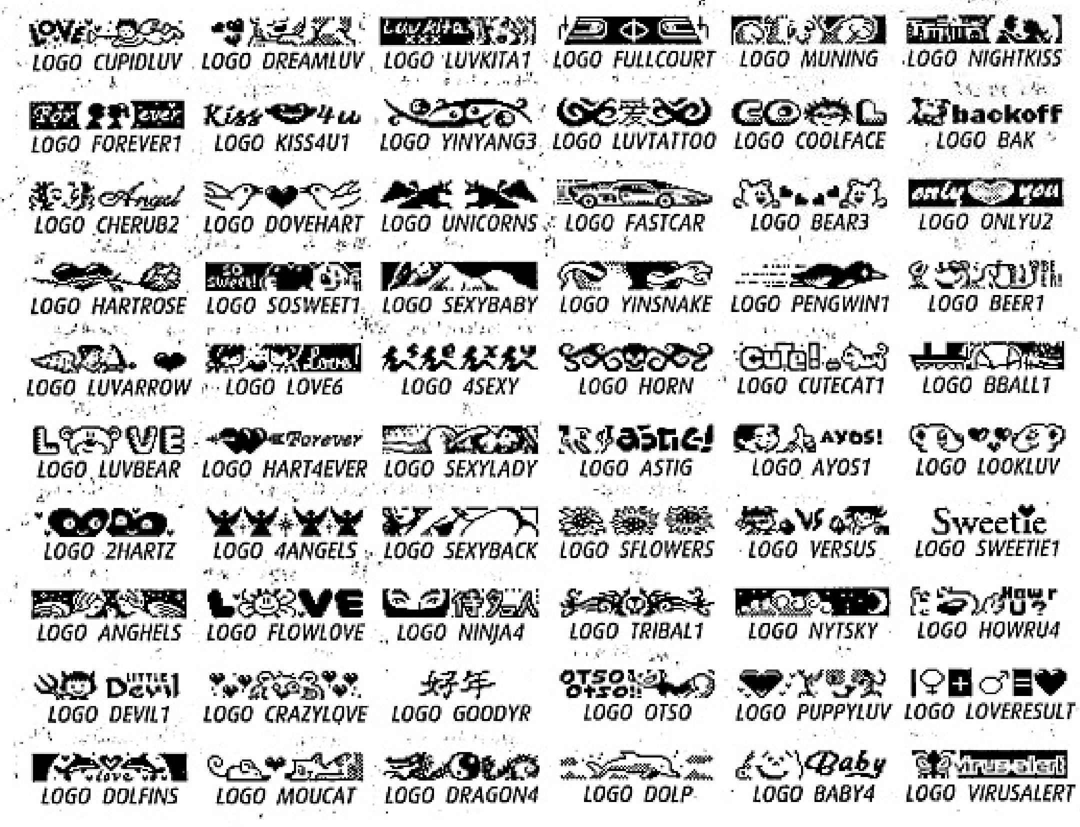

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RINGTONE	ARTIST/COMPOSER	KEYWORDS
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Happy	Rolling Stones	**TONE HAPPY**
Where Is The Love	Black Eyed Peas	**TONE WERISLUV**
Spaghetti Song	Sexbomb	**TONE SPAG**
Clarity	John Mayer	**TONE CLARITY**
Mr. Suave	Parokya ni Edgar	**TONE IBE**
Red Light Green Light	Limp Bizkit feat. Snoop	**TONE REDGREEN**
I'll Be	Edwin McCain	**TONE MRSUAVE**
Broken Vow	Lara Fabian	**TONE BROKEN**
Perfect	True Faith	**TONE PERFECT**
Right Thurr	Chingy	**TONE THURR**
Moonshadow	Mandy Moore	**TONE MSHADOW**
Bakit Di Totohanin	Carol Banawa	**TONE BAKITDI**
Unwell	Matchbox 20	**TONE UNWELL**
Kanlungan	Noel Cabangon	**TONE KANLUNGAN**
Breaking Us In Two	Mandy Moore	**TONE BREAKUS**
Elesi	Rivermaya	**TONE ELESI**
Ayoko Na Sana	Ariel Rivera	**TONE AYOKONA1**
Butterfly	Crazytown	**TONE BUTTERFLY1**
Me, Myself And I	Beyonce Knowles	**TONE MEMYSELF**
Build Me Up, Buttercup	Sound Alike	**TONE BUTTERCUP**
From the Inside	Linkin Park	**TONE FROMTHE**
Kaliwete	Eraserheads	**TONE KALIWETE**
The Beautiful Occupation	Travis	**TONE BOCCUP**
Tonight's the Night	Pink	**TONE 2NYTPINK**
I Will Be Here	Gary Valenciano	**TONE IWILLBE**
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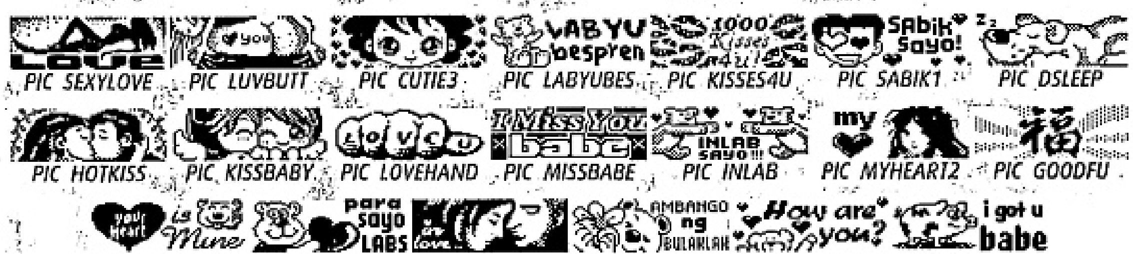

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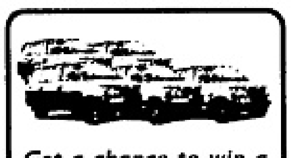

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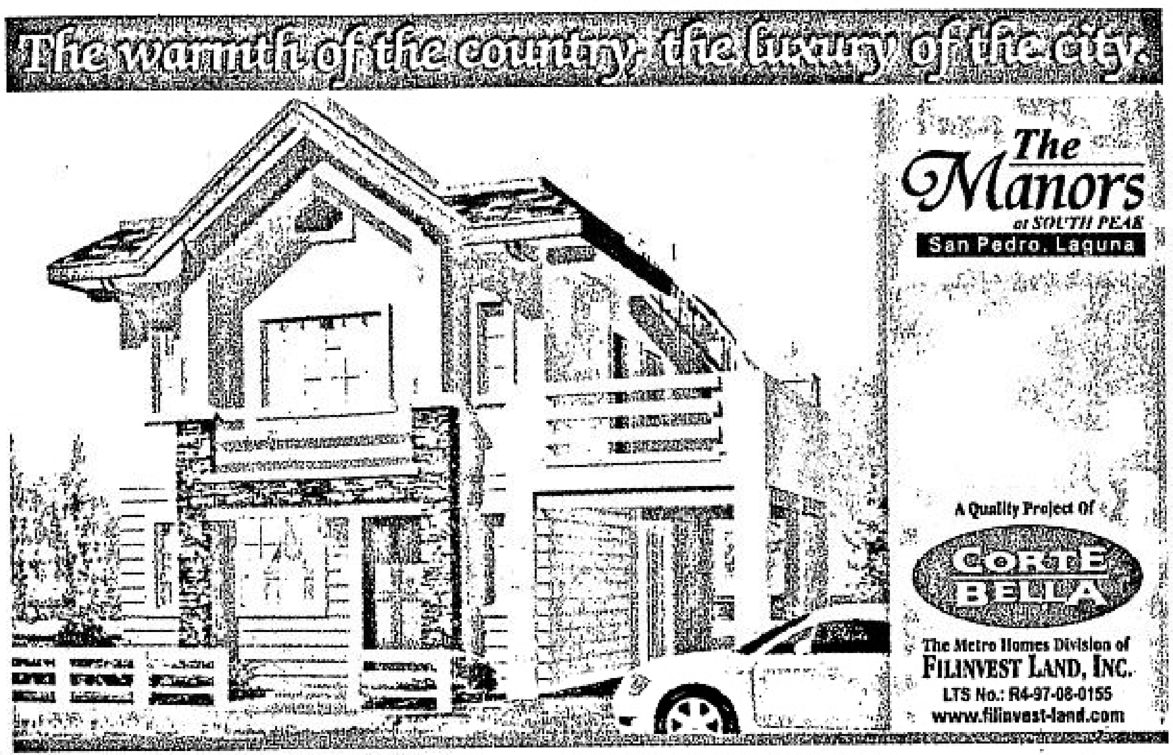

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In the near future, companies can also tap Caller Ringtunes to replace the old "ring-ring" with company jingles or disseminate products/services information.

For ease and convenience, you can get SMART Caller Ringtunes either via interactive voice recording system, Internet, text or WAP.

Via Interactive Voice Recording System: dial 1513. Voice prompts will give you step-by-step instructions on registering and choosing the Ringtunes you want to hear and add to your Music Box.

Via text or SMS: send RING ON to 286 to activate. To add a sampler Ringtune to your Music Box, use the keyword RING ADD. To choose a Ringtune, text RING ADD <Ringtune_ID>. To review the Ringtunes in your Music Box, send RING TOP10 to 286.

Via WEB: log on to http://ring.smart.com.ph/smart. Click on the link to SMART Caller Ringtunes. Choose from the Menu, then click your selection. A dialogue box will confirm your choice.

Via WAP: Click on *Amazing Stuff* link from SMART wapsite then select *Caller Ringtunes*.

You can preview the Ringtunes selections through the Internet or Interactive Voice Calls. In the introductory phase, you will be able to enjoy up to five SMART Caller Ringtunes in your Music Box upon registration. The Music Box is a virtual music folder where the Ringtunes you chose are stored. A different Ringtune will play with each call.

Want to try other Ringtunes? Simply text RING DEL and send to 286. Then, choose another Ringtune by texting RING ADD <Ringtune ID>.

Soon, you will be able to assign a specific Ringtune to your favorite callers through Caller Ring ID/Personalization. Plus, you will also have the capability to send a Ringtune as a gift. Furthermore, a Time of Day feature will enable you to select the specific time of day when you want the Caller Ringtune service activated, e.g. after office hours, to give you more flexibility.

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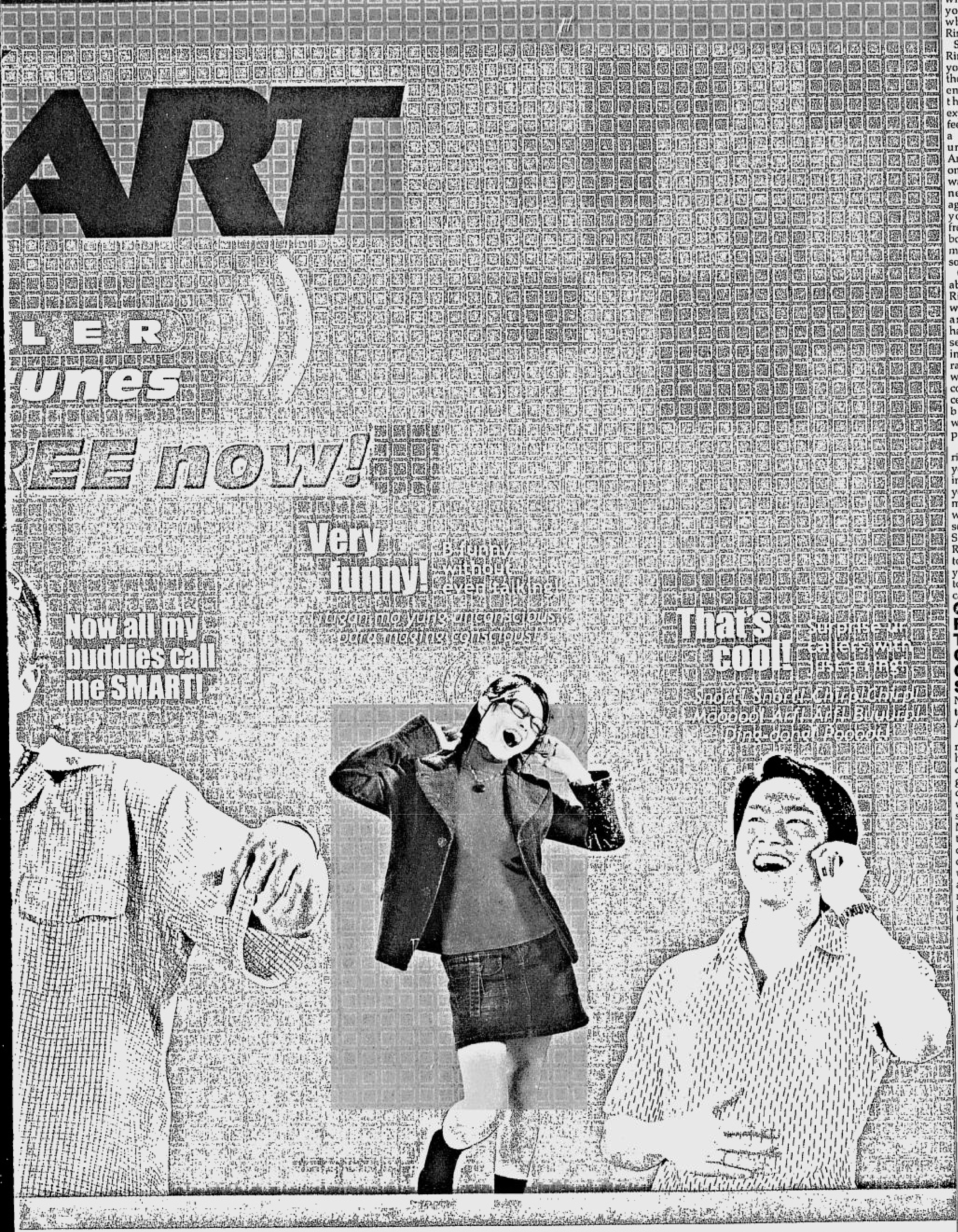
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That's cool!
Surprise ur callers with
Snort! Snort! Chirp! Chirp!
Mooooo! Arf! Arf! Burp!!
Ding-dong! Poooot!

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MUSIC

AROUND-THE-WORLD	ID NO.
Chinese Theme	100027
Africa Mystery	100042
Spain Bullfight	100043
Carribean	100090
Gypsy Dance	100091
Mexico Fiesta	100092
Mexico Sunset	100093

CLASSICAL	ID NO.
Bach Toccata	100029
Brahms Lullaby	100030
Mozart Nacht	100031
Baroque Court	100072
Brahms Dance	100073
Guitar	100074

JAZZ	ID NO.
Bouncy	100084
Dixieland Band	100085
Spirited	100086

DANCE	ID NO.
Bopping Groove	100035
Chacha	100078
Mambo	100079
Samba	100080
Playful Boogie	100088

ROCK	ID NO.
Surfing Theme	100023
Dangerous	100040
Wild	100089

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Casual	100081
Fresh	100082
Released	100083

COMEDY	ID NO.
Cartoon Fanfare	100021
Hectic	100075
Ragtime	100076

OTHERS	ID NO.
Drum Solo	100022
London Bridge	100033
Auld Lang Syne	100036
Trumpet	100037
Country	100077
Toe Tapping	100087
Sports	100041
Lively	100028

OPM-Sarah Geronimo	ID NO.
Forever's Not Enough	100018
Ibulong Sa Hangin	100129
If Only	100130
Just Believe	100131
Nanaginip Ng Gising	100132
Narito	100133
Sa Iyo	100134
Twin Hearts	100135
We Are Tomorrow	100136

OPM-Viva Hotbabes	ID NO.
Bulaklak	100137
Hotbabes	100138
Ooops Ay	100139

OPM-Various Artists	ID NO.
Before I Let You Go (Freestyle)	100044
So Slow (Freestyle)	100045
A Love To Share (Rivermaya)	100126

SOUND EFFECTS

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Cavalry	100026
Kiss	100048
Cow Moo	100049
Dog Barking	100050
Pig Snorting	100053
Chipmunk Laugh	100057
Doorbell	100062
Forest	100063
Machine Gun	100064
Burp	100065
Fart	100066
Gargling	100067
Ocean Waves	100070
Windchimes	100071
Cat	100094
Nightingale	100101
Horror	100105
Snoring	100108
Witch's Laugh	100113

JOKES

JOKES	ID NO.
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Beach	100002
Drive & Film	100003
House & Ipis	100005
Kambing & Kape	100007
Manok	100009
MMDA	100010
Titig & Utak	100012

SPOOFS

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Ewan Ko Ba Nobi	100115
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Merry Jaguar	100119
Taytaynic	100120
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D' Matris	100124
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IT'S A RINGTUNE, NOT A RINGTONE!

Waiting for a call will never be the same again

Practically everyone knows what a ringtone is by now – it's simply the sound you hear when someone calls your cellphone. So what on earth is a Ringtune?

SMART Caller Ringtune is the sound your caller hears when they call you. Call it entertainment while they wait. An expression of how you feel at the moment. Or a reflection of your unique personality. Any way you look at it, one thing is for sure – waiting for a call will never be the same again. That's because you now have the freedom to change that boring "ring-ring" into music, spoofs, jokes or sound effects.

One wonderful thing about SMART Caller Ringtune is that it works with virtually any cellphone or handset. The Ringtune service is not stored inside your phone but rather in the network, which allows compatibility with any cellphone, regardless of brand, make, or whether it is polyphonic or not.

For years now, ringtones have allowed you to express your individuality by letting you choose the song, music or sound you want to hear everytime someone calls. Now, SMART Caller Ringtunes allows you to further personalize your phone, this time to the pleasure of your callers.

CALLER RINGTUNES, THE NEXT CRAZE IN CELLPHONE SERVICES

New calling technology sweeping Asia and Europe

A few years ago, ringtones were the hottest things in cellphones. Imagine getting the freedom of choosing the tone you want to hear when somebody's calling. Now, imagine enjoying the same leeway to choose what your callers can hear while waiting for you to answer. Welcome the next craze in cellphone services – the SMART Caller Ringtunes.

SMART COMM. INC., the country's leading cellular network, is first in bringing the new technology to the Philippines. The craze started over a year ago in South Korea where the service continues to be a big hit. It quickly spread to Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia and China. Now, it is set to conquer Europe and the U.S.A.

In South Korea, the service enjoys immense popularity from the time it was launched up to the present, with millions of Koreans choosing tunes ranging from belching sounds to pop songs. Its sound success in the rest of the Asian markets where it has been offered fuels experts' optimistic expectations when the service is made widely available in Europe starting late 2003 and the U.S. this 2004.

The arrival of Caller Ringtunes in the country give SMART subscribers access to the newest technology as well as the ability to further personalize their cellphone. After ringtones, picture messages, icons, MMS images and wallpapers, Caller Ringtunes represent the next step in personalization. Giving you the power to express yourself, make a statement, share a laugh or be unique to your callers. As a SMART subscriber, be the first to enjoy the next wave of the future – the SMART Caller Ringtune service.

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Milestones

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ASPERILLA-AQUINO

Victor I. Asperilla exchanged vows with Dr. **Ma. Bituin C. Aquino**, on Dec. 13, at the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat. Reception followed at the Hyatt Regency Manila. The bride wore a **Malu Veloso** creation.

ACNAM-ARIOLA

Ruby D. Ariola and **Edwin C. Acnam** will exchange vows Feb. 14 at the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte. Wedding coordinator is **Emelie Barba-Agustin** of Advantage Bridal, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte .

LIMOSO-SUNGLAO

Judy Sunglao, daughter of **Dionisio Jr.** and **Magdalema Sunglao**, tied the knot with **James Erwin Limoso**, son of **Melchor** and **Helen Limoso**, yesterday at the St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Jaro, Iloilo City. Reception followed at the St. Joseph the Worker Community Center.

The bride wore a gown of ivory duchess satin with cascading beads, pearls and crystals designed by **Grace Clavel**. Skirt was a two-panel train connected with a bow.

Fr. **Pax Gallego** and Fr. **Alex Collera** officiated the ceremony.

CRUZ-DE CASTRO

Eric Cruz, son of **Serafin Cruz** and **Emma Rada-Cruz**, will tie the knot with **Katherine de Castro**, daughter of Sen. **Noli de Castro** and **Arlene Sinsuat-de Castro**, on Feb. 8, at the St. Francis of Assisi-Fernwood Gardens, QC. Reception will follow at The Coral Tree and Cycad Gardens Fernwood. Rev. Fr. **Samson Silloriquez** will officiate at the wedding.

Njork by **Miguel Francisco** will design the bride's gown.

ESCAT-PAQUIZ

Mary Joy J. Paquiz will wed **Artemio L. Escat** at the Parish of Hearts of Jesus and Mary, West Triangle, QC, Feb. 7. Both are medical students of Far Eastern University-Narciso Reyes Memorial Foundation. The bride is the daughter of Capt. **Ernesto** (retired) and **Percy Paquiz** of the Central Bank, while the groom is the son of engineer **Armenio** and **Perla Escat** of California. Reception will follow at Annabel's Restaurant on Tomas Morato.

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MARQUEZ-DE GUZMAN

Arnold Marquez, son of **Felicisimo** and **Irene Marquez**, will exchange vows with **Jennifer de Guzman**, youngest daughter of **Manuel** and **Adela de Guzman**, Feb. 7, at the Our Lady of the Abandoned Parish, Marikina City. Reception will follow at the Kapitan Moy Restaurant, Marikina City. The bridal gown is designed by **Greg de Guzman**.

ARGONCILLO-SOLEDAD

Jacinto G. Argoncillo, son of **Jesus** and **Antonia Argoncillo**, will marry **Evelyn Rose S. Soledad**, daughter of **Gilberto** and **Evelyn Soledad**, Feb. 12, at the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Redemptorist Parish, Bajada, Davao City. Flower arrangement is by **Tata S. Soriano** of Heaven's Gift.

BAAS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Gregorio and **Librada Baas** renewed their vows on their 50th wedding anniversary yesterday at the St. Augustine Parish Church, Mendez, Cavite. Reception followed at the Tagaytay Tropical Greens, Patutung Malaki, Tagaytay City. The couple and the entourage wore creations by **Paul Rex Mateo** of The Wedding Day.

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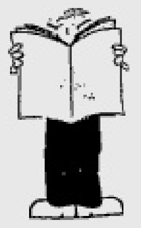

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- Must be Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- With at least 5 years experience in internal auditing in a supervisory or managerial capacity
- Prior experience in Internal audit is an advantage
- Strong leadership skills and ability to work with all levels of the organization
- Excellent communication & analytical skills
- Skilled in risk management, operational auditing & in the review of IT or computerized system an advantage

Qualified candidates may personally submit or mail their application letter, curriculum vitaé, recent 2"x2" photo, transcript of records & other pertinent credentials to:

The HR Manager
LausGroup Corporate Center
Human Resources Management Department
San Fernando-Olongapo Highway
City of San Fernando (P)
Tel: (045) 963-2525 Telefax (045) 961-56-18 Mobile: 0921-210-8155
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- Act as a driver in establishing and implementing best practices across all business activities to make customer service a hallmark and major competitive advantage of our company
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- Train/Develop a highly professional workforce by motivating and coaching, supported by an appropriate reward system and management training program for staff career development

Job Requirements:
- University graduate preferably in Business, Engineering or Social Sciences
- Minimum 5 years experience in call center business, of which 3 years are in management and at least 2 years in Telemarketing management
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Job Responsibilities:
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Job Requirements:
- College graduate, not more than 30 years old
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- Must have excellent oral and written communication skills
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Submit application with resume, transcript of records and recent photo to the Administrative Manager at 2/F Princess Building, 104 Esteban Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City.

United Nations Population Fund

UNFPA

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Description of Duties and Responsibilities:
Under the supervision of the UNFPA Administrative & Finance Associate, the Driver will perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- Provides official transport and related support services for programme monitoring of the Country Office, to the UNFPA Representative, programme staff and other authorized personnel
- Maintain assigned vehicle(s) in good operating condition
- Maintain good records of official trips, daily mileage, fuel consumption and other related reports
- Perform other office work that may be assigned by the UNFPA Representative

Core Competencies:
- Demonstrates honest, truthfulness and probity in all matters affect his work
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- Adapts flexibly to changing situations, overcomes obstacles and recovers quickly from set-backs

Essential Specifications:
- Graduate of any four-year college course
- Five years of relevant demonstrated experience as a professional driver
- Willing and able to take assignments out of Metro Manila and beyond normal office hours
- Possessing knowledge in basic vehicle maintenance and repairs
- Fluent written and spoken English
- Computer literate

Submit application letter with complete CV to:

The Country Representative
United Nations Population Fund
P.O. Box 7285, DAPO
1300 Domestic Road, Pasay City
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FINANCE OFFICER
- ☐ Must be very flexible and willing to do other jobs e.g. HR and administrative work
- ☐ CPA
- ☐ Masters degree an advantage

ACCOUNTANT
- ☐ Accounting graduate, preferably a CPA
- ☐ With extensive experience in Accounting work
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- ☐ Graduate of any college course
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Interested applicants may send their comprehensive resumé, transcript of records and a recent 2 x 2 photo to:

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INTERNAL AUDITORS
Male/Female not more than 30 years old, Accounting graduate, a Certified Public Accountant with at least 1-2 years auditing experience. With excellent oral and written communication skills. Knowledgeable in MS Office applications.

ACCOUNTING SUPERVISORS
Male/Female not more than 30 years, Accounting graduate, a Certified Public Accountant with at least 2-3 years experience in General Accounting preferably in supervisory level. With excellent oral and written communication skills.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS
Female, not more than 27 years of age, graduate of FINANCE or ACCOUNTING. Must possess good interpersonal and communication skills. Preferably has work experience in sales and finance. Knowledgeable on MS Office applications. Background in finance/accounting is an advantage.

MARKETING PROFESSIONALS
Male/Female, not more than 25 years old, has pleasing personality and graduate of any 4-year course, at least 5'4" (female) & 5'6" (male) in height. He/She must have good communication skills. Preferably speaks Chinese & has related work experience in sales.

SECRETARIES
Female, not more than 27 years of age, graduate of any 4-year business course. Must possess good interpersonal and communication skills. Knowledgeable on MS Office applications. Background in finance/accounting is an advantage

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Male not more than 35 years old. Graduate of automotive or any related course with at least 3 years experience in the same field. Must be knowledgeable to handle electrical or A/C jobs.

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The Secretariat of the Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities (CAI-Asia) located in the Asian Development Bank has received a grant from the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) to implement a sustainable urban transport project for the Asian region. CAI-Asia is now in the process to set up a dedicated project team. As part of the team, it intends to recruit a:

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The appointment will be for a 10 month period.

Please send your application before **10 February 2004** with a brief CV (maximum 2 pages) and an overview of research papers (both published and unpublished) and name and contact details of 2 professional references to:

Mr. Herbert Fabian
Secretariat
Clean Air Initiative for Asian
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E-mail: transportresearcher@adb.org

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- ✓ Female, at least 5 feet and 2 inches, below 27 years old
- ✓ At least high school graduate or college level
- ✓ With pleasing personality
- ✓ Good interpersonal and communication skills
- ✓ Experience in wine sampling is an advantage

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- ✓ Male/Female, below 27 years old
- ✓ Fresh graduates and entry-level applicants are encouraged to apply.
- ✓ Computer-literate
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The Process Change Consultant must have an operations background; ideally with Engineering and MBA degrees; has at least 5 years managerial experience in Supply chain management and/or customer relationship management of a major multinational company operating here or abroad; a graduate of a reputable university in the Philippines or abroad; articulate and can write reports well.

For both types of candidates, previous experience in consulting work or project management here or abroad is an advantage.

To apply, email your CV to mae.anne.t.fuentes@ph.pwc.com, fax it to 8452806, or post it to: Human Resources, Joaquin Cunanan & Co./ PricewaterhouseCoopers Philippines, 29th Floor, Philamlife Tower, 8767 Paseo de Roxas, 1226 Makati City. www.pwc.com/ph

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- Responsible for facilitating upward and downward communicaton within the organization in order to create/maintain an open climate to productivity and employee satisfaction
- Female between 21-30 years old
- Graduate of Psychology/Industrial Relations preferably with masteral degree
- With 1-2 years work experience in the same field
- Computer literate, analytical, people-oriented, good oral and written communication skills

Recruitment Staff

- Male/Female between 21-27 years old
- Graduate of AB/BS Psychology or any related behavioral science course
- Can administer & interpret standardize & projective test
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- Can work under pressure w/o affecting the quality of work
- Can work on extended hours w/ minimal supervisions
- Can make psychological report
- Must be computer proficient

Video Editor

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- Knowledge in Adobe Premiere V.6 +Up
- Can work on extended hours w/ minimal supervisions

Company Nurse

- Female between 21-27 years old
- Graduate of BS Nursing
- Experienced in Industrial setting is an advantage
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- Male between 20-35 yrs. old
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- Male at least 30 up to 40 yrs of age
- High school or Vocational Course (related in auto mechanic)
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- Skills in Heavy Equipment Mechanic
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Pre-requisites:
- Graduate of any 4-year course, preferably in the field of Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, and Computer Science
- At least 5 years experience in software applications sales preferably but not limited to the manufacturing sector
- Good interpersonal, communication and presentation skills to effectively deal with clients
- Fluent in verbal and written English, able to manage complex solutions
- Able to work in a team, as well as lead the team toward specific targets and objectives

Project Manager for SAP Solution Implementation

Role:
Manage one or multiple projects with high level of technical expertise and/or people management in the projects. Responsible for developing, prioritizing, and submitting project plans, budgets, and deliverables. Manage critical, challenging and complex projects (both local and foreign); define project resources, performance reviews and post implementation evaluations. Take ownership of the successful implementation of the projects. Communicate and interact with Senior Management

Pre-requisites:
- At least 10 years of related experiences within the IT industry, with 3 years experience in SAP or related projects
- Has experience in managing large and complex end-to-end SAP or similar implementations
- Project Management certification from PMI is preferable (but not a must)
- Should have functional exposure in 1 (one) or more industries such as CPG, Pharmaceutical, Retail, or Healthcare
- Has strong ability to communicate value propositions and proposal to high level management
- Has proven team management skill

SAP Senior Financials Consultants

Role:
To manage the profitable and effective deployment of SAP solutions to our clients through the application of SAP technology, services and methodologies. Delivers consultancy services using intensive knowledge and expertise in FI/CO/Treasury to meet customer's needs and objectives. Resolve complex problem within area of specialization.

Pre-requisites:
- Has experience in minimum 2 (two) end-to-end SAP Financial implementation projects
- Holding SAP R/3 4.6c certification is preferable
- At least 7 years of related experiences within IT industry, with 3 years experience in SAP
- Preferably a Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

SAP Basis Consultants

Role:
To manage the profitable and effective deployment of SAP solutions to our clients through the application of SAP technology, services and methodologies. Delivers consultancy services using intensive knowledge and expertise to meet customer's needs and objectives. Handle infrastructure, hardware and application management roles.

Pre-requisites:
- At least 2 years experience in SAP Project implementation as Basis Consultant
- Certified in SAP Basis Technology is preferable

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Role:
To manage the profitable and effective deployment of SAP solutions to our clients through the application of SAP technology, services and methodologies. Delivers consultancy services using intensive knowledge and expertise in HR solutions to meet customer's needs and objectives. Resolve complex problem within area of specialization.

Pre-requisites:
- Has 2 - 4 years experience in SAP projects, with HR expertise
- SAP HR certified is preferable

Requirements for all candidates: Should have excellent communication and presentation skills. They are also expected to work in high mobility and willing to travel frequently. Above all, every candidate has to be culturally sensitive, customer-focused and a strong team player who excels in a fast-paced, diversified and changing environment.

Applications providing resume details and recent photograph should be forwarded to the address at the right. Only short listed candidates will be notified.

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Resident Logistics Advisor (RLA)
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John Snow's DELIVER Project works in more than 30 developing countries providing technical assistance to public sector and non-governmental organizations to improve the availability of pharmaceuticals, contraceptives and other public health products. The availability of these products is crucial to the success of major public health programs, including family planning, HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, and tuberculosis control.

The DELIVER Project is seeking a **RESIDENT LOGISTICS ADVISOR** (RLA) to serve as technical advisor to the Department of Health (DOH), Provincial Health Offices, and other Local Government Units (LGUs) as the Government of the Philippines moves toward contraceptive self-reliance (CSR). In addition, the RLA will provide coordination with other local partners and other public health stakeholders.

The RLA will have responsibility for the following activities:
(A) providing expert technical assistance in allocation of reduced amounts of donated contraception;
(B) building supply chain management capacity in DOH counterparts;
(C) providing assistance to LGUs as they work to adapt to reductions of donated contraceptives while ensuring access to quality contraceptives for their constituents;
(D) ensuring effective collaboration and communication among stakeholders; and
(E) monitoring and evaluation of the logistics system.

Qualifications:
- Post-graduate degree in public health, in logistics or with equivalent experience with health systems at the national level.
- Minimum five years experience in managing and administering a development program with an international development agency.
- Excellent oral and written communications in English and Tagalog.
- Experience in the design and implementation of logistics systems.
- Specific experience in logistics programs and a demonstrated understanding of the organizational environment in which they are undertaken at the local, national and international levels is necessary.
- Experience with USAID health programs is highly desirable, as is experience in working with other donor and collaborating partners.

This is a full time position based in Manila, with up to 40% domestic/international travel to provide technical assistance and attend conferences/meetings.

Interested parties should submit their letter of application and CV with picture via mail to: **The Resident Advisor,** JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc., Suite 303 CBT Condominium, 60 West Avenue, Quezon City. Or email to: project@jsitango.com by **11 February 2004.** Walk-ins will not be entertained.

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Interested applicants may send their resumés, photocopy of transcript of records and ID photo to:

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- Work closely with the VSO international recruitment bases to negotiate matching of volunteers to appropriate placements based on specified targets.
- Analyse placement information and facilitate volunteer decision-making.
- Plan relevant pre-departure briefing and training with the volunteers and provide VSO specific input to pre-departure courses.
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- Coordinate volunteer assessment process and build a network of VSO volunteer selectors.

Person Specification
The Candidate should have a degree in, and/or extensive experience of working in the Natural Resources sector. They should have excellent verbal and written communication skills, strong interpersonal and analytical skills, self-supporting administrative skills and be computer literate.

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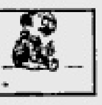

United Nations Population Fund

The Office of the Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Manila is seeking applications from competent candidates to fill the post of a National Professional Project Personnel (NPPP) for Advocacy and IEC.

Description of Duties and responsibilities:
Under the supervision of the UNFPA Representative, the NPPP administers UNFPA-supported advocacy and IEC programmes and projects that are responsive to the country's needs in the areas of reproductive health (RH), population and gender. More specifically, as part of the Country Office Team, the NPPP :

- Provides technical assistance and guidance to all executing and implementing agencies in the areas of advocacy and IEC particularly in alliance-building, resource mobilization and sustainability initiatives
- Ensures that advocacy and IEC activities lead to the popularization of the MDGs and the promotion of the ICPD agenda
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- Works closely with the NPPP for M&E in the evaluation of the advocacy and IEC initiatives under the 5th Country Programme providing the technical analysis of the KAP Survey and the Advocacy Performance Assessment and conducting an effectiveness assessment of communication plans formulated, IEC/advocacy strategies implemented and materials produced
- Ensures the documentation of good and best practices under the 5th Country Programme.
- Coordinates meetings and workshops related to country programme activities
- Produces the UNFPA newsletter and prepares technical papers for conferences and workshops
- Works as a reproductive health and population advocate
- Performs other duties that may be assigned by the UNFPA Representative.

Essential Specifications and Core Competencies:

- Minimum academic degree: Masters degree in the social sciences preferably in the communications field.
- Ten years or more of relevant, demonstrated professional experience in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of advocacy and IEC projects.
- Specialized knowledge in population and development, reproductive health and gender in policy, program and research settings is a definite advantage.
- Strong proven capacity for conceptual innovation, relationship building/partnering and networking, promoting teamwork and task management.
- Behaviour critical to successful performance in an organizational culture such as integrity and corporate commitment, leveraging diversity, stewardship of public resources, advocacy of organizational values, cultural sensitivity and adaptability in a multi-culture environment, commitment to learning and knowledge-sharing and client orientation are highly desirable.

Submit application letter with complete CV to:

The Country Representative
United Nations Population Fund
P.O. Box 7285, DAPO
1300 Domestic Road, Pasay City
or through e-mail address: officemail@unfpa.org.ph

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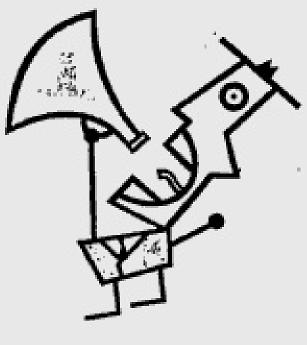

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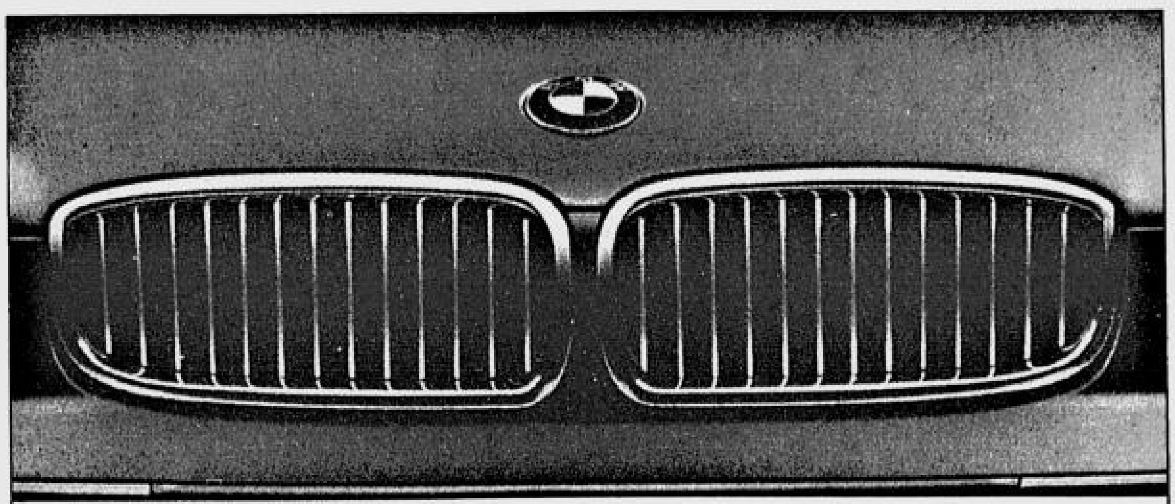

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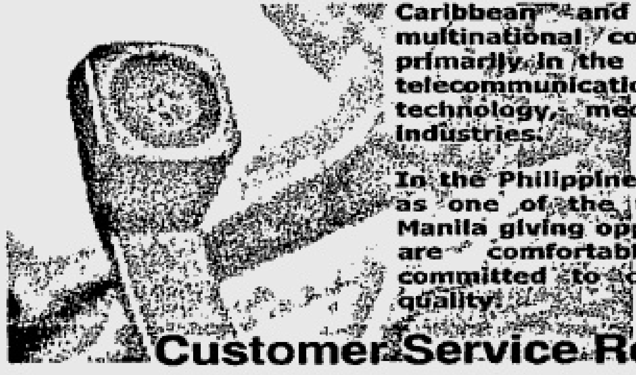

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GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	Holder of a Bachelor's Degree and an aligned Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling or Psychology, preferably with one (1) year related work experience, proficient in oral & written communication, of good moral character, computer literate, female.
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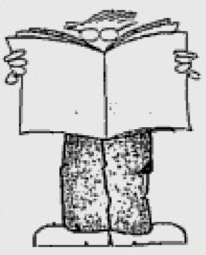

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- Basic MS Exchange administration: mailboxes, folders, distribution group, calendar.
- Basic knowledge in Microsoft and Mac Operating System with software and hardware PC troubleshooting skills of the OS
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Parañaque City

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A Progressive Garments Export Manufacturing Company
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PRODUCTION MANAGER

The main function of the job is to manage the manufacturing operations of the company by effectively planning and scheduling production to ensure timely delivery of buyer's orders.

Qualifications:

- * IE graduate or other related courses
- * Male or Female, below 40 yrs. Old
- * With strong leadership capabilities & people management competency
- * Possess good planning skills, a strategic thinker and with good analytical capabilities
- * Assertive and result-oriented
- * Responsible, honest, trustworthy and hardworking
- * With technical knowledge of sewing operations and fair understanding of patternmaking
- * Can work under pressure and willing to work long hours as the job demanded
- * Familiar with quality control standards of various export buyers
- * With at least 5 years actual experience in all aspects of handling production of ladies garments

ACCOUNTING HEAD

Requirements:

- * Must be a Certified Public Accountant
- * Age: 28 to 43 yrs. Old, Female

Qualifications:

- * Competencies in all areas of Accounting operations in a large retail or manufacturing company.
- * At least 3 yrs. Relevant accounting work experience in a managerial capacity
- * Solid grasp of BIR regulations, reportorial & payment requirements and other tax-related matters.
- * Strong supervisory & leadership skills.

Please send resume with recent photograph to:
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P.O. BOX 2878, Manila

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

PERSONNEL SUPERVISOR

- ✓ With Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Behavioral Science or its related course
- ✓ With 2-4 years experience in recruitment, job appraisal, performance evaluation
- ✓ Capable of relating to individuals of all levels
- ✓ Willing to be assigned to Cavite
- ✓ Not more than 28 years old

TREASURY ASSISTANT

- ✓ Female, Accounting graduate with good scholastic records
- ✓ At least 3 years experience on cash management, banking relation, accounts payable management & some financial accounts analysis
- ✓ Preferably Chinese
- ✓ Manila office based

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

- ✓ Female Accounting graduate with at least 2 years experience in bookkeeping, financial statement preparation and other Accounting functions
- ✓ Manila office based

COMPUTER PROGRAMMER

- ✓ Male or Female, BS Math or Computer Science graduate
- ✓ With 2 to 3 years experience in computer programming and system analysis
- ✓ Should have background in the smart card business
- ✓ Must be proficient in C, C++, JAVA, and networking
- ✓ Resourceful, fast learner and with good communication skills
- ✓ Manila office based

IE HEAD

- ✓ Female IE grads with 3 to 5 years experience in time & motion studies, production line balancing etc.
- ✓ Knows the functions of cutting, sewing, finishing, quality control & merchandise costing
- ✓ Will be assigned in SBFZ, Olongapo City

QUALITY CONTROL HEAD

- ✓ College graduate of Industrial Management Engineering
- ✓ 35 years old & below
- ✓ At least 3 years experience in handling woven items
- ✓ Actual knowledge of sewing operations and technicalities
- ✓ Applicants to be assigned in CEPZ, Cavite or SBFZ, Olongapo City

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER

- ✓ Male/Female, IE grads preferably of Adamson, Mapua
- ✓ Preferably with 1 year experience in garments manufacturing however, fresh grads with good scholastic records can also apply
- ✓ Applicants to be assigned in CEPZ, Cavite or SBFZ, Olongapo City

Qualified applicants can send resumé, transcript of records and ID pictures to:

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ACCOUNTING STAFF

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- Computer literate
- Good communication and inter-personal skills
- Willing to work long hours

VAN SALES SUPERVISOR

- Has an extensive background in van/ex-truck sales
- Result-oriented, self-motivated and trustworthy
- With drivers license

MERCHANDISER

- Male/Female, at least college level
- With at least 6 months working experience
- Willing to be assigned in major supermarket in Metro Manila

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- Highly creative and result-oriented

MANAGEMENT TRAINEES (3)

- Male (at least 5'6" in height) or Female (at least 5'4" in height)
- Graduate of B.S. Hotel & Restaurant Management, or other business related course
- With people handling experience
- Must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills

CASHIERS (8)

- Female, 5'4" in height, not more than 28 years old
- College graduate
- Service oriented w/ pleasing personality and excellent communication skills

STORE ASSISTANTS (15)

- Male (at least 5'6" in height) or Female (at least 5'4" in height)
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- ➢ Knows how to drive

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- Excellent communication skills (oral and written)
- Highly analytical and very good judgment skills
- Preferably have worked in a Microfinance Institution
- Loves to do field work and must be a team player.
- Not more than 28 years old, **preferably male**
- Preferably from NCR, North Luzon and South Luzon

MIS OFFICER

- Must be a Computer Science or Computer Engineering Graduate
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- Knowledge in different Operating System, Prog. Language, (Pascal, Cobol, Fox Pro, Visual C, Visual Basic, HTML, CGI-Perl), Desktop Publishing and Internet
- Knowledge in Adobe Pagemaker, Illustrator and Corel draw is a plus factor
- Knowledge in LAN set-up.

PLANNING OFFICER

- Graduate of BS Economics or any business course
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- Efficient, keen on details
- Knowledge on ISO is an advantage

MICROFINANCE OFFICER

- Graduate of any 4 year course
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By Candy G. Villanueva

HR Focus

IN 1996 while working as a psychometrician in Far East Bank and Trust Company, Cherry Manalo-Pacleb discovered a life changing realization. While administering tests and handling preliminary and validation interviews, she realized that she was meant to help people find jobs. "I felt I was doing something out of the ordinary because even at an entry-level position, I am empowered to give employment opportunities to aspiring candidates," relates Cherry.

Throughout her early career, Cherry ventured into other fields but her true calling eventually led her to where she truly belongs. As Recruitment Manager for Vision-X Philippines, she manages the strategic hiring processes. And once part of the Vision-X family, it is also her job to make sure that the employees stay happy and productive. She conducts extensive market research to ensure that Vision-X's remuneration package is competitive in the Call Center Industry.

Vision X, one of the fastest growing call center companies in the USA, supports customer service, sales and e-mail solutions. With offices in Los Angeles, Washington D.C. and Shanghai, Vision-X recently opened its doors in the Philippines.

Cherry Manalo-Pacleb

Finding HR

Cherry earned her degree in Psychology at St. Paul's College in Quezon City in 1992. Upon graduation, she grabbed at the first opportunity for employment and tried out different fields. Young and not really knowing what she wanted, she tried out secretarial work, administrative work and even store management. After several years of learning and exploration, she felt she was meant to do other things than file correspondences or worry about sales targets.

She figured she wasn't cut out for sales and moved to Far East and Trust Company where she felt she was finally on the right way. In 2001, she was introduced to the call center business as recruitment officer quickly adapting to the new business culture and learning the major facets of recruitment namely, recruitment and manpower planning, compensation, payroll management and benefits and performance management and HR policies administration.

To further develop her craft, Cherry took her master's in business administration at the Ateneo Graduate School. In 2003, Cherry, now more experienced with the HR business, took on the role of recruitment manager for Vision-X (Philippines) Incorporated.

Focus on recruitment

Cherry wouldn't have it any other way. Recruitment for her is a dream job. She finds fulfillment in "recruiting and helping individuals who want to do something with their lives and seeing the look in their faces every time I would make a job offer."

"I suppose one must be a generalist and have a deeper understanding in all these areas," Cherry comments on the broad responsibility of HR. In the meantime, as recruitment manager, she wishes to excel in the hiring business. "It is important to find the right profile that will function effectively in your business environment." She achieves this by identifying skill set and learning attitude, personality type and the individual's ability to work with others when evaluating applicants.

Motivating people

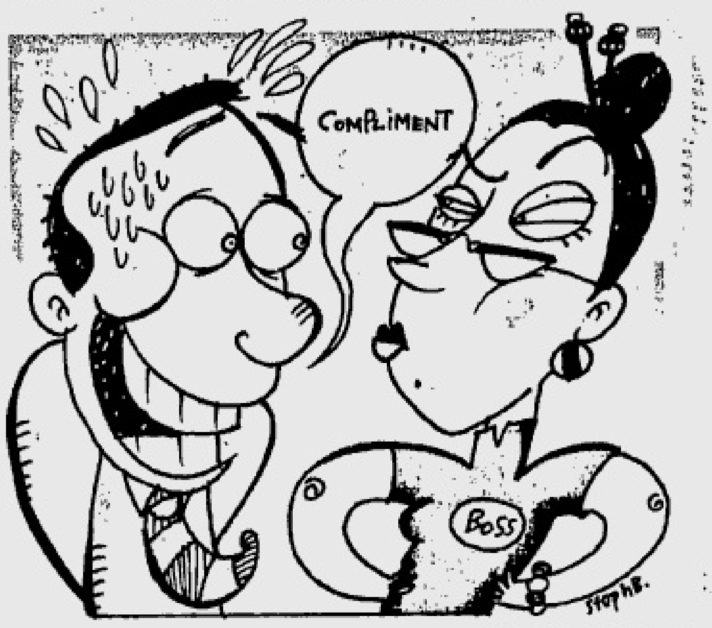
Composed mostly of a young dynamic set of individuals, the environment at Vision-X is relaxed and casual which encourages creativity and productivity. Cherry says she promotes this kind of environment in the company because it "trains, nurtures, hones and cares for talented young people."

And how does a recruitment manager encourage creativity and productivity? "I encourage my staff to always think outside of the box by going the extra mile in everything that they do," answers Cherry. In addition, she thinks employees should embrace a sense of ownership. "Mindset yourself as if you own the company. Develop an obsession for your company's success. Always do things right the first time."

Demands of the job

Presently, Cherry is busy complying with the recruitment demands of Vision-X. She is on the lookout for highly competent individuals who can live up to the tall expectations of the company. "Employees must have the ability to function in a fast-paced, sales driven environment with minimal distraction and supervision," stresses the Recruitment Manager. With a keen eye for excellence, she is also a stickler for professional demeanor and positive attitude.

Outgoing and active, Cherry busies herself with swimming, tennis and badminton when she's not buried deep in resumes and market research. Lately though, she's slowed down a bit in anticipation of a greater responsibility in life, motherhood. She draws inspiration and encouragement from her husband and upcoming baby boy. "I believe that I am where I am in my career because of the peace and harmony in my personal life knowing that I have the full support of my family."



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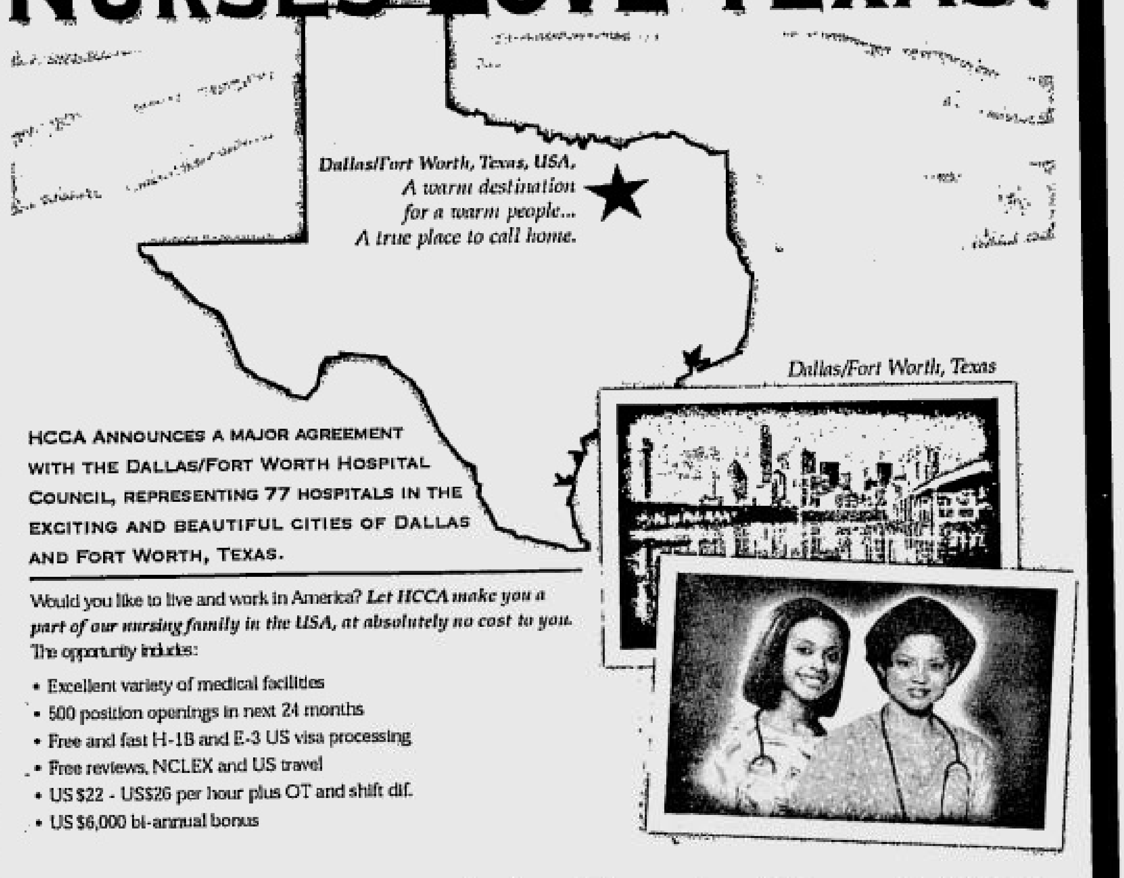

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Heal or kill

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

IT is so easy to lose friends and antagonize your coworkers—just be "ungracious" with your words. "Gracious" could mean cordial, genial, congenial, affable, sociable, courteous, polite. It's hard to speak gracious words in the midst of irritating circumstances in the workplace, especially when the office culture tacitly accepts uncharitable speech as the yardstick of effective communication. (Haven't you heard of bosses who have a knack for making subordinates feel two inches tall? Or colleagues who win popularity points for putting down others? Yes, Virginia, there are workplaces where *Taray* Queens and Put-down Kings are enthroned, and they're not necessarily in showbiz!)

In workplaces where cruelty of the tongue is regarded more as an asset than as a liability, is it worth the trouble to be polite, courteous or kind with your words? The truth is, nobody is born with a disrespectful mouth—it's an acquired tendency, and one of the things that lead to it is exposure to people who have it. When uncharitable thoughts or speech are all we allow our minds to feed upon, we easily become channels for them. What's wonderful about it is we possess the power to control what enters our minds. We do have a choice! Words could either kill or heal, divide or unite people—now, which do we choose to do if we must contribute to workplace efficiency? Choosing is the hardest part, but once we choose to heal and unite, all we need to do is feed our minds with gracious words—words as the most gracious speakers of all, Jesus, would speak. Easy as pie?

(*E-mail the author at* avemaria@csi.com.ph)

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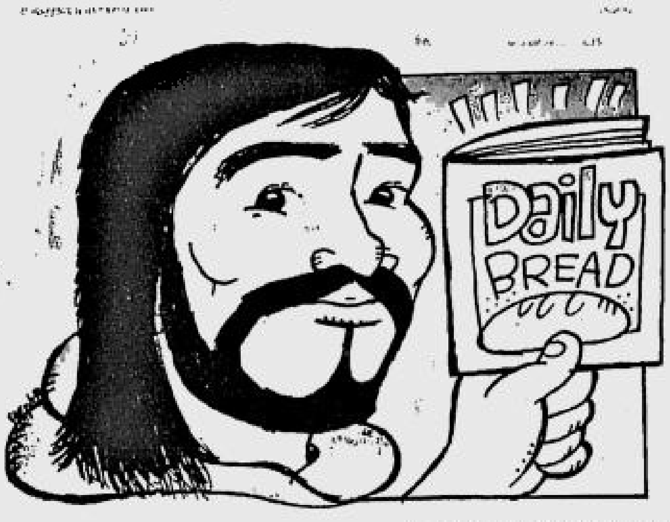

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Luke 4: 21-30

He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. . .

Daily Bread

By Bishop Precioso Cantillas, SDB,DD

ONE of the memorable gifts I received in my student days was a booklet entitled "My Daily Bread" which featured a short daily Scripture reading, a meditation about it with an indication on how to apply the word of God in daily life. The booklet taught me that the passages in Scriptures are the living words of God for me, which I should fulfill in my daily life. Reading and reflecting on the word of God is like taking my daily food, which nourishes me in my search for greater peace and happiness.

The worker who toils for the daily bread for his family can also feed himself with the word of God. First, however, he must accept with humble faith that the living God communicates with him here and now through the Scriptures and through the various events in his life including his work. He must look at God not as a slave driver who condemns him to work. He must realize that his work is also a means to relate with the Heavenly Father by offering his tasks as acts of love and service for God and others. Conscious of God's desire to speak to him, he should develop the habit of reading the Scriptures and observing keenly the daily events at home, at the workplace, and in the world, and discern from them God's particular "word" for him.

This "extra work" of reading and meditating on the word of God may seem to overload the worker. But one who will exert this additional effort will not only earn the daily bread for himself and his family, but will also gain the "bread" which nourishes his spiritual life and merits for him true and lasting peace and happiness at the workplace and beyond.

(*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

Will flattery get you ...

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notice.

Can you quote or refer to things she's said to you? How did it make you feel the last time someone quoted something you'd said in a meeting or a conversation? Acknow-ledgement is a very powerful, and underused, tool.

Can you acknowledge her personal interests? All people (even bosses) like to be acknowledged as people, not just as workers. So do a little homework to find out where her interests lie. What kind of memorabilia does she keep in her office? What does she report from her weekend on Monday morning? What does she talk about with the most enthusiasm?

Casual comments on these things—"I know how important your kids are, so."—will make her feel recognized as a person, not just as your boss.

Can you "test" your comments before making them? Before you dive head first into a compliment or a comment, make sure you're on the mark. Make a quick comment and see how she responds. If she perks up, follow it with another. If she seems bothered or unresponsive, hold off 'til another time.

Can you always tell her the truth? Some people try to butter up a boss by telling her what she wants to hear. But lies and exaggerations will come back to haunt you. Develop a reputation for telling the truth and she'll return the favor with trust and respect.

Follow these tips when you're talking with your boss and you'll never have to worry about hitting the fan.

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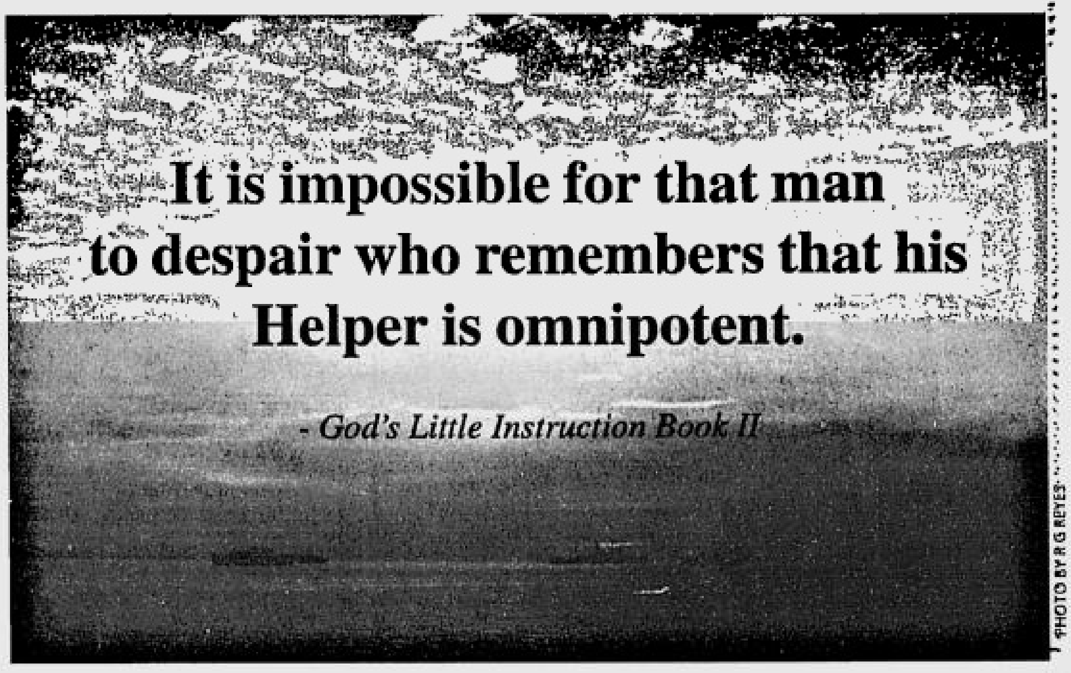
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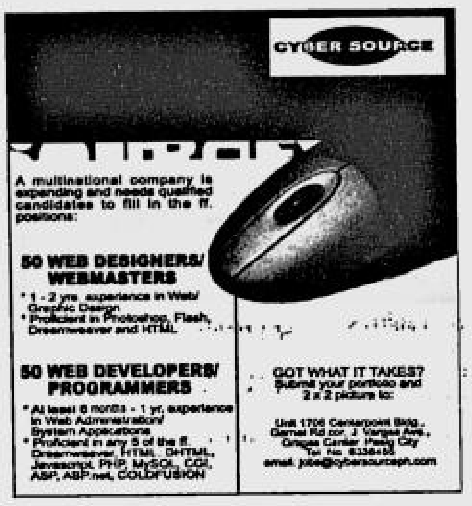

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FRIENDS AT WORK

Friendship enables filmmakers to create better films

By Mario M. Banzon

The Black Soup group in a production shoot

THE REASON was simple enough. They have worked together countless of times. They genuinely like each other. They watch and enjoy practically the same kinds of films. And they needed a home base that could safeguard them from bad deals, which they often experienced as freelancers. But if Black Soup, a multi-media production outfit that conceptualizes and makes documentaries, media presentations, and short films, was created for legal reasons, it was their friendship and genuine love for film that serve as the group's foundation.

Outstanding individuals

Black Soup, which was formed in November 1998, considers their documentary work on Arturo Luz entitled "Lines of Vision" as the project they are most proud of. The documentary, created for NCCA, has given them a good track record and more importantly, was an artistic success as well.

It is their individual achievements, however, that impress most people. Neil Daza, for example, has received nominations from the Famas Awards, Urian Awards and Star Awards for his cinematography in films like *Laro sa Baga*, *La Vida Rosa*, Yamashita, Spirit Warriors and *Dekada* 70.

Robert Quebral, on the other hand, has won video music awards for his work on music videos such as *Harana* (*Parokya ni Edgar*) and *Awit Para sa Kaniya* (True Faith). Ricky Orellana's films, meanwhile, have won awards and were screened in various film festivals. He also sits as Mowelfund's Division head, Audio Visual Archives.

The women in the group have also done their share in accumulating film accolades and awards. Avic Ilagan, a longtime PETA theatre artist, has won several awards for her documentaries and short feature films. While Ellen Ramos, Mowelfund's deputy director for education, has also screened her award-winning films in various film festivals.

Despite their individual successes, there is no apparent professional jealousy within the group. On the contrary, they seem to be very supportive in each of other.

Mowelfund

It was in Mowelfund where all five first met. "Naturally, we gravitated towards Mowelfund because it is the cradle of the local independent filmmaking," says Quebral who stumbled upon its series of film workshops by accident. Within the dilapidated premises of Mowelfund's old building, the fledging filmmakers made friends, shot films, and gradually found work in advertising, media production and local movie outfits. After innumerable short films, feature films and failed attempts at forming a film organization, Black Soup was soon born.

Blending well

"It helps that you have a support group who validates your achievements as an artist and filmmaker," says Ilagan. "I think it's very important." The members of Black Soup see their office not only as a place of business but also as a place for breeding ideas and bringing personal visions to life. In fact, the group serves as an instant set of critics if one of the Black Soup founders needs to preview a newly completed work. Fortunately, all five of them have basically the same film background and film experiences.

Throughout the years, their film aesthetics have sort of blended into each other that they are now familiar with their strengths and weaknesses. "Sometimes, when we work there's little or no verbal communication at all," observes Orellana. "*Minsan senyasan o kaya* eye contact *lan, alam na kung anong dapat gawin.*" (We would just make a sign or look at each other and we would know what the other is trying to say.)

A different high

This familiarity comes in handy when confronted with internal troubles. Whenever a member fails to put in his share of work, he is met not with raging anger but with trust and respect. "When that happens, we try to analyze the cause of trouble," says Ilagan. "We try to find out why he is being that way. We have to understand that individuals have flaws. It's part of the friendship."

The members believe they still have a long way to go. "Our story hasn't reached its climax yet," Ilagan points out. For example, there is the new office that they are planning to move into. There's the restaurant cum café that they often joke about owning. There are still documentary features, full-length features and short films that they would love to shoot.

"It's different when you work with a friend," says Daza. "Every time I work on a project where a member of Black Soup is involved, it gives me a different high. When you work with friends, there's mutual respect. I think it's more exciting and fulfilling when you get to work with people who also have the same aesthetics as yours."

Indeed, in an industry where having a common vision is often rare and sometimes heaven-sent, it really does pay to work with real friends.

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Law graduate wants to go into HR

By Tita Datu Puangco

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I JUST took the bar last September. At present, I am running a business with some cousins and friends while waiting for the results of the bar to come out.

In the latter part of my law studies, I realized that I didn't want to pursue any of the traditional fields of law. In the city where I live, there is a big number of practicing lawyers who are vying for clients. I would like to take the "road less traveled," so to speak. I looked for an option that would enable me to use my legal knowledge without the stress of law practice, while giving me the opportunity to develop my full potential and enjoy more of life.

Then, I began to read on human resources development (HRD), management and other related topics. Your articles and column are a source of inspiration, and are one of the reasons I have become deeply interested in the field of HRD. Just like what you do, I dream of helping people bloom into the best persons they can be with whatever work they do.

What field of studies should I take to realize this dream? Should I take a master's degree in psychology or in labor and industrial relations? What other steps should I take to break into this field of work? Thank you very much and God bless you and your family.

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I agree with you that human resource management can be a field that a future lawyer like you can pursue. There is a clear competitive advantage for you. Being familiar with the law gives you an edge, especially if you pursue the more specialized field of industrial relations or labor relations.

But I disagree that this is a "road less traveled." I know of many lawyers who are doing an excellent job in the field of human resource management. It has become the alternative career for lawyers.

I agree with you though, that the legal industry is getting crowded. Most of the cases are in Metro Manila. There may be a dearth in the smaller cities and provinces for interesting, challenging and income producing cases.

Now what can you do? In my view, there is no replacement for actual live experience. Find a job on the field. The human resource management and development field has assumed strategic importance in companies today. Enterprises have realized that the roots of business performance lie in the selection, development and rewarding of people.

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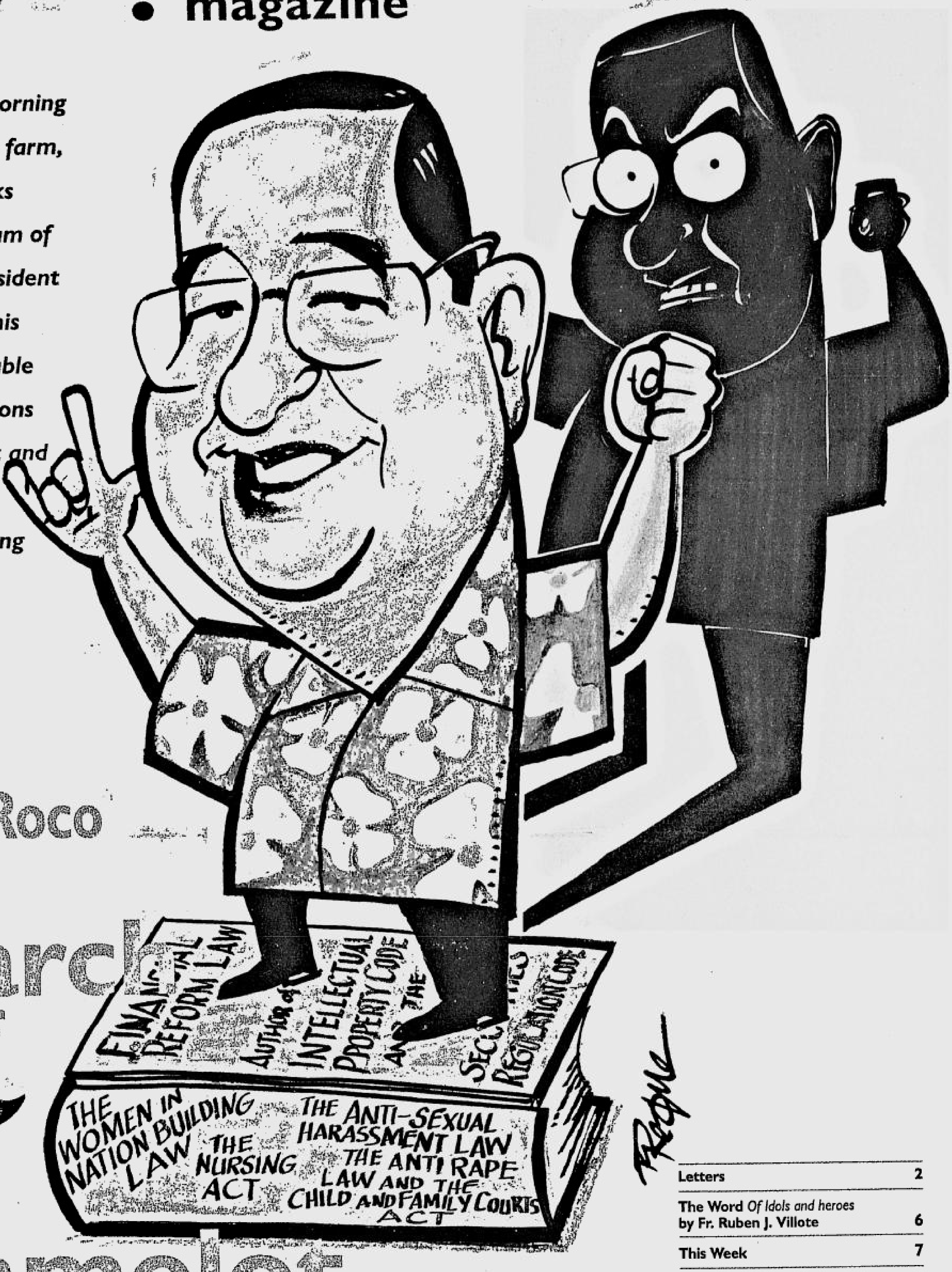
On a bright morning in his Antipolo farm, Raul Roco talks about his dream of becoming president and making this nation honorable again—questions about his past and temper notwithstanding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Raul Roco
In Search of Camelot

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo
Illustration by Raul Reque

"THINK back," presidential aspirant Raul Roco muses, seemingly swallowed up in a fog of memories. "Think back on all the tales that you remember of Camelot."

The words from the 1960s Lerner-Loewe musical cascade from his lips, as he thinks back on how sang King Arthur "that once there was a fleeting wisp of glory, called Camelot."

"We were the Camelot boys," Roco, 62, recalls as he scoops out *buko* from a freshly cracked coconut. We are in the Rocos' Antipolo hillside retreat named *An Maogmang Lugar* (Bicol for "the happy place"), famous for its tropical blooms that have become the signature design of his campaign get-up.

The dream—how far back does it go, when did the glimmer of the presidency first come into view?

"As a child that was not a dream," says Roco. " I grew up in a farm. My father was a real farmer who self-studied English. My mother was a school teacher. No one in the family was into politics."

It was in 1961, when he was president of the National Union of Students in the Philippines (NUSP) that he felt it. "Those were the Kennedy years. As a student leader you start thinking of it, but you don't really dream of it. President John F. Kennedy spoke of Camelot. 'Right is might.' When he said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country,' it was as if he was addressing me.

"I was popular in campuses. People would say, continue on and run for president. That is the Filipino dream, like the American dream that every one could be president."

But Roco could not help pointing out the tragedy that stalked the leaders he idolized. He remembers the day President Ramon Magsaysay died in a plane crash in 1957, the people weeping and lining up in Quiapo to buy newspapers. Here was someone he had not even met, but for whom he, like so many people, shed tears, Roco says. In November 1963, Kennedy was assassinated. "All of a sudden Camelot vanished. But dreams never die, never die," he adds. And being a student leader then, he saw the value of politics, how "power can serve."

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As NUSP president, Roco represented the Philippines in international gatherings abroad. "I was fairly cosmopolitan," he says. In 1964, Roco was chosen one of the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines of 1964. Sonia Malasarte of St. Joseph's College, whom he would later marry, was adjudged the Most Outstanding Student of that batch.

Roco finished law, magna cum laude, at the Benedictine-run San Beda College. He later took up his Masters in Comparative Law at the University of Pennsylvania.

After he passed the bar in 1965, he lobbied for the holding of the Constitutional Convention. With the Con-Con law passed in 1967, Roco decided to campaign for a seat to represent his district in Camarines Sur. "I was young and fairly bright. My brothers and I divided the district into four. We were like the Kennedy brothers. I always chose the farthest area. Like Mao Tse Tung said, start in the countryside." His wife Sonia, even with babies to raise, was on the campaign trail too. Roco won handily.

He later joined the staff of Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. "I liked to say I was the head of his legal staff," he jokes. "I was the only lawyer." He drafted the study-now-pay-later bill, which, Roco says, was the only bill of Ninoy, and part of his campaign promise.

No sooner had the Concon wound up than President Marcos declared martial law in 1972. Aquino was arrested, his whereabouts unknown for a stretch. Roco recalls, "I thought there was going to be a revolution. People said, go to the hills. But we did not even know which hill. Only the Left was left, but how to find them you didn't even know."

There are those who always bring up Roco's non-presence during Ninoy's darkest years. He never visited him in prison nor defended him. "I was never asked in the first place. I was just a member of his staff. There were the legal legends, Senators Salonga, Diokno." Does that rankle? "It's not fair," Roco answers. He did visit Ninoy when the latter was allowed a brief home visit. He did not see Ninoy again until after he was assassinated.

Roco says he had his share of pro bono political cases. The Left, he says, considered him "at least sympathetic." He later joined the formidable ACCRA law office, which was instrumental in crafting for Marcos and his cronies the controversial coco levy fund that were siphoned from millions of poor coconut farmers. Despite a recent Supreme Court ruling favoring the farmers, recovering the fund remains a problem. Roco would later leave ACCRA but his association with the coco levy as a corporate lawyer is hard to shake off.

"Abandoning" Ninoy, being with ACCRA and Roco's perceived arrogance are some of the minuses that this presidential candidate has to live down. Now comes an accusation that he has had violent outbursts, and towards his own wife at that, something Sonia laughs off. Roco, the self-styled "honorary woman" who as congressman and later senator authored pro-women bills and is now wooing women's votes, does not dignify this attack on his jugular, his talked-about temper notwithstanding.

But even famous leaders had famous tempers. Much-loved Manila Mayor Arsenio Lacson was not nicknamed "Arsenic" for nothing. Pres. Manuel L. Quezon (grandfather-in-law of Roco's daughter Pia) was known for his expletives.

Like other presidential contenders, Roco has hit the campaign trail. The same Aksyon Demokratiko party that pushed his 1998 presidential bid has linked up with Promdi and Reporma, the party machines of two 1998 also-rans Lito Osmena and Renato de Villa, to form Alyansa ng Pag-asa (Alliance of Hope). For his vice president, he has chosen Tarclac Rep. Hermie Aquino, but his incomplete senatorial slate is composed of political virgins.

He pursued the presidency in 1998 and lost. Why run again? Because, like Mount Everest, "it is there," he answers.

ROGER CARPIO

Campaign respite: Relaxing at his Antipolo farm, *An Maogmang Lugar*

Roco says he is running on the "agenda of hope" that stands for honest government; opportunity for all and special privileges for none; peace, productivity and prosperity, and education and environment for sustainable development. He also spells out an agenda for health, the economy, local governance, the rule of law, foreign affairs and values.

Roco is a good public speaker, using just the right decibel, inflection and cadence in his words. The guy knows the sound of poetry. He also always puts a human face on his data and spiels, punctuating them with Pinoy witticisms and truisms. He pulls great quotes from out of a hat. Why, he can even sing.

But up close, Roco seems more guarded. He easily displays his mind but not his heart. He is a very learned man, and you could tell by his answer that you've asked an unintelligent question. He is not easy to crack.

He describes himself as a follower of Peter Drucker, management guru, author and professor. Management is like conducting a symphony orchestra, Roco says. "You blend, harmonize, motivate to produce good music." His management style, he says, gave the people in the education department, which he headed briefly, a culture shock.

But Roco's style was not lost on a number of hardcores there. He was harsh on those who did not adhere to decisions and the law. He won some, lost some.

Roco proudly states that the department was stricken off the corrupt list after seven months, and he became the most popular Cabinet member. After a little over a year, Roco resigned in a huff. A project which was properly bidded and approved by the Commission on Audit was questioned, he says. President Arroyo wanted him investigated. " I resigned on a point of honor. I am not *manhid* or *kapit tuko* (callous or clingy like a lizard)."

But critics say Roco has ways that sometimes repel instead of draw in people. "He is an isolationist," says governor Luis Villafuerte of Camarines Sur, Roco's home province. "Roco is not a team player. No one among the governors here is supporting him."

But former health secretary Jaime Galvez-Tan, Roco's campaign manager, dismisses the mostly pro-administration governors' non-support, saying it is the people who will cast votes. Roco is leading the surveys, he adds, more than a year after he left public office.

Roco does go out of his way to consult people. "I'm cautious about mentioning names," he says. But he does mention finance and economics experts Roberto de Ocampo, Milwida Guevarra and Solita Monsod. Although he was the author of a good number of bills on finance and economics, Roco says economics is not his formal training.

He doesn't want to mention his financial backers now because, he says, as soon as Malacañang gets wind of them, you could be sure they would be wooed within the day.

To *An Maogmang Lugar,* Roco hies off to relax. He loves to read among the flowers. Landes' "The Wealth and Poverty of Nations" is his current read. Jeffrey Archer's stories he has devoured. He likes Indian Jesuit Anthony de Mello's food for the soul.

Roco feels at home being by himself once in a while. Great world leaders, he says, had to have their solitary moments to find the strength within themselves.

Family moments are on weekends mostly. "We've hit all the beaches and eating places as a family," Roco says. Travelling together as a family has been a way to bond closer. Roco and Sonia have six children and four grandchildren.

His idea of God? He quotes from a De Mello story. "The ant was asked what its idea of God was and it answered, 'I have one sting, God has two.'" He laughs. "God is an eternal presence. One could believe in a supreme deity, or in creation or in extreme patriotism to serve. As a Christian I believe that Christ is God. The Christian tenets were what kept us fairly civilized."

He's had his share of scares that tested his faith. One of them was when Sonia was trapped in the earthquake rubble in Baguio in 1990. This was one time when his gift of extrasensory perception (ESP) served him well. "I knew Sonia was alive." His sister-in-law Peachy perished.

Roco is a great believer in the intercession of *"Ina,"* Our Lady of Peñafrancia, patroness of the Bicol region. He reveals something he is hesitant to talk about in public. He had this twitch on his cheek that had bothered him for years. It was caused by some nerve misplacements that could be corrected only with surgery but Roco refused to have his head opened up.

A year or so ago, he and Sonia, along with several couples, visited the home of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus in Turkey. Roco dipped his hand in the water there and splashed his face with it. He was not begging for a miracle, he says. But, to his surprise, the noticeable change was almost immediate.

But faith and politics could mix, that is, if both could translate into good works; if, as Roco had discovered in his youth, "power can serve."

The Philippine image before the world that he wants is that of a nation striving to be honest and honorable. "I use the word striving because *ayoko naman maging mayabang* (I don't want to sound boastful). Filipinos are honorable. It's our leaders who are not. There is no nation that has grown without a sense of honor."

Raul Roco in search of Camelot.

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COOKIE'S COMMENTS

This is regarding the article "Cookie Duran: Kicking High with Capoeira" (**SIM**, 4 January, 2004) written by Eric Caruncho.

Although I was thrilled to have a whole article written just for me, I was disappointed about a few things:

1. Mr. Caruncho kept on referring to me as "Duran." I find it disrespectful that he kept on using my last name, my maiden name even. "Cookie" would have done quite well.

2. Duran is my maiden name. By the time he interviewed me, I was already Cookie Pido. I wonder why he didn't use that when he even mentioned by husband's name in the article?

3. My husband's name is Roman, not Ramon.

4. The main capoeira instrument is a berimbau, not birembau.

In the future, kindly take care in writing the correct details for such small things as the above. It could make or break one's article.

Congratulations, though, on being able to explain the capoeira details rather well.

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SIM sincerely regrets the spelling errors. Using a last name, however, is a journalistic convention when writing about a subject you don't know well. Interview subjects in this magazine are generally referred to by their last names, especially if they first came to prominence with that name. It is also meant to make the article more formal and, actually, respectful. We are sorry that our cover girl didn't see it that way.- Ed.

AFFECTED BY ALI

Your article on Ali and Miko Sotto ("Finding Purpose in Her Pain," **SIM**, 18 January 2004) moved me to tears. Heartbreaking yet inspiring. Great work.

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Businesswatch

By Alya B. Honasan
Photographs by Ernie U. Sarmiento

Soft and Shrewd

IT'S BEEN a long way since his little shampoo sink and mirror, which he set up in one corner of a laundry shop in San Juan in 1970, his first official foray into solitary enterprise. Thirty-four years later, Ricky Reyes is probably the only hairdresser in the country who has snipped and shampooed his way to multi-millions. And he did it through hard work and a winning combination of heart and brains.

Indeed, Reyes is the "mother" who provides free housing for his 1,200 employees and still manages to keep updated on their love lives. But he's also the same no-nonsense businessman who keeps the different crews of his many branches on their toes by making them compete against each other in terms of daily revenue. "When I call a branch at 10:30 in the morning and the manager is not yet there, he or she is suspended for a week, no questions asked," Reyes declares.

The man who began his journey with a P1,000 investment was never aware that he was a businessman until much later in his career, when he had opened several branches. "People were asking me, why put up a business? I know how to delegate, and I know how to make people work for me."

It helped that he learned the value of money early. One of 10 siblings and half-siblings, Reyes was born 54 years ago to an abusive and negligent father and a mother who worked hard to make ends meet. "She was very industrious—she had a beauty parlor, a grocery store, and did buy-and-sell. I became her *alalay*, errand boy, and I would have to collect from people who sometimes got mad at me!" He recalls having to wake up early to go to Divisoria, and doing the marketing for the family as early as age 10. "Of course I resented it. I would have much rather played *piko*!"

Later on, at 20, he had to take on the role of mother and father to his siblings. "I remember what it was like, when we didn't have any food for lunch yet because by 11 o'clock, nobody had come to my parlor for a haircut! Maybe that's why I worked very hard," Reyes theorizes. "I know what it's like to be poor, and I never want to be poor again."

That's the reason why, in an accomplishment considered incredible by today's business standards, Reyes put up his 39 nationwide branches without ever borrowing money, financing his own growth—and why he doesn't believe in selling franchises. "My principle is, why let other people eat the gravy after I worked for it? I don't believe in easy money. Money that's hard to earn isn't easily spent. I still have a lot of enthusiasm, I still like discovering new things all the time, so I'd rather keep things for myself."

But when did the image of a business empire first appear in his head? "I realized I was growing when I was offered by Henry Sy to be first tenant of the first SM mall, SM City on North Edsa," he recalls. For the first six months, he was the only other tenant aside from the department store, occupying a small space near the bathroom. His rationale for being there was simple. "Just seeing that huge building, I knew they had about 500 employes, and I was thinking, just catering to the employees, okay *na*." Reyes didn't have any sales projections or studies; he still doesn't believe in them. "For me, whatever comes is okay. No problem. It's the network that's important, not just the money." Instead of having his landlord looking over his shoulder for cash receipts, Reyes offered to hand over a flat monthly fee—and the arrangement continues to this day. "Now, whenever SM opens, I'm there. It's like a partnership. I told *Tatang* (what he calls the elder Sy), I want to do business with you long-term, so I will support you wherever you go."

> *The flamboyant and openly gay Ricky Reyes may not fit the image of a traditional businessman, but there's no doubt that he is a phenomenal, entrepreneurial success —and a model of honest hard work*

Did he ever worry then that he was getting in over his head? "No *naman*. I just wanted to earn money, because my brothers and sisters needed it. Besides, I consider myself a risk taker. You have to be , if you're a businessman. There's no sentiment; if a shop doesn't work, close it. *Trabaho lang*." (It's just a job).

In the '80s, however, Reyes had already told himself, "I'm going to be big, and I'm going to do anything to fulfill that dream."

Today, the "mythic Mother," as Abe Florendo called Reyes in his book "Hair Majesty," is matriarch of his "one big family." "When I started in San Juan, I had one *manicurista*. Today, I realized the *manicurista*'s sister, uncle and cousin are all working with me. I went to Pampanga once, and I realized there was a whole barangay full of Ricky Reyes employees." It helps that his workers get SSS benefits, free housing near the salon ("So they can never use traffic as an excuse to be late," he says) and commissions from in-store products they are able to sell.

"Ricky is a combination of sharp instinct and scientific thinking," says Thelma San Juan, journalist and General Manager of ABS-CBN Publishing Inc., a dear friend who has known Reyes for some two decades. "He knows how to empower his people so they grow, and you don't need an MBA for that."

Although he's had his share of underlings who betrayed his trust, Reyes hasn't been burned. "When you're sincere, there's no problem. My policy, though, is to both trust and not trust; trust but be careful. A business should be right under your nose. Go and talk to people so you know what's happening."

Every afternoon Reyes visits about six salons, unannounced, and he makes it a point never to get money from the cashier as an example to employees. Yet, it still isn't work for him. "Probably because I love what I do. The salon business is full of happiness and humor. A client goes to you to be changed, to be made happy. I think 99.5 percent of people who come to salons are depressed—my husband left me, make me beautiful. My people are trained to talk to their clients and keep their secrets."

Strangely enough, in spite of his accomplishments and numerous nominations, Reyes has been officially recognized as a business leader only once, with an Agora Award he received in 1986 for being then a "medium-sized entrepreneur." "It was heaven," he says. "I felt so *bading* then, but here I was being recognized as businessman." The openly gay Reyes characteristically refuses to think negative, and downplays any suggestion of gender discrimination. "I'm just happy to be nominated," he says, citing an annual age-based award-giving body that kept nominating him until he was eventually past the age limit. "I think respect in business has to be earned. There are still instances when they don't take me seriously, but I just turn my back. If you don't like me, I don't like you either. What's the use of pushing myself where I'm not wanted?"

Friends decry the injustice, though. "In this day and age, why are we still consciously or unconsciously discriminating against gay people, who can work well with both the right and left sides of their brains? That's so archaic!" exclaims San Juan.

The image of homosexuals as being untrustworthy with money because they blow it on boyfriends has changed since the '70s, Reyes assures. In fact, he treasures a comment he once heard former President Fidel Ramos utter. "*Si* Ricky, *babakla-bakla, pero ang daming natulungan*." (He may be gay, but he's helped a lot of people.) And indeed, Reyes is famous for his charitable causes and foundation work, including one that had him giving free makeovers to the ill and indigent nationwide. "When I realized business was good, I learned to give back to society. It's society that

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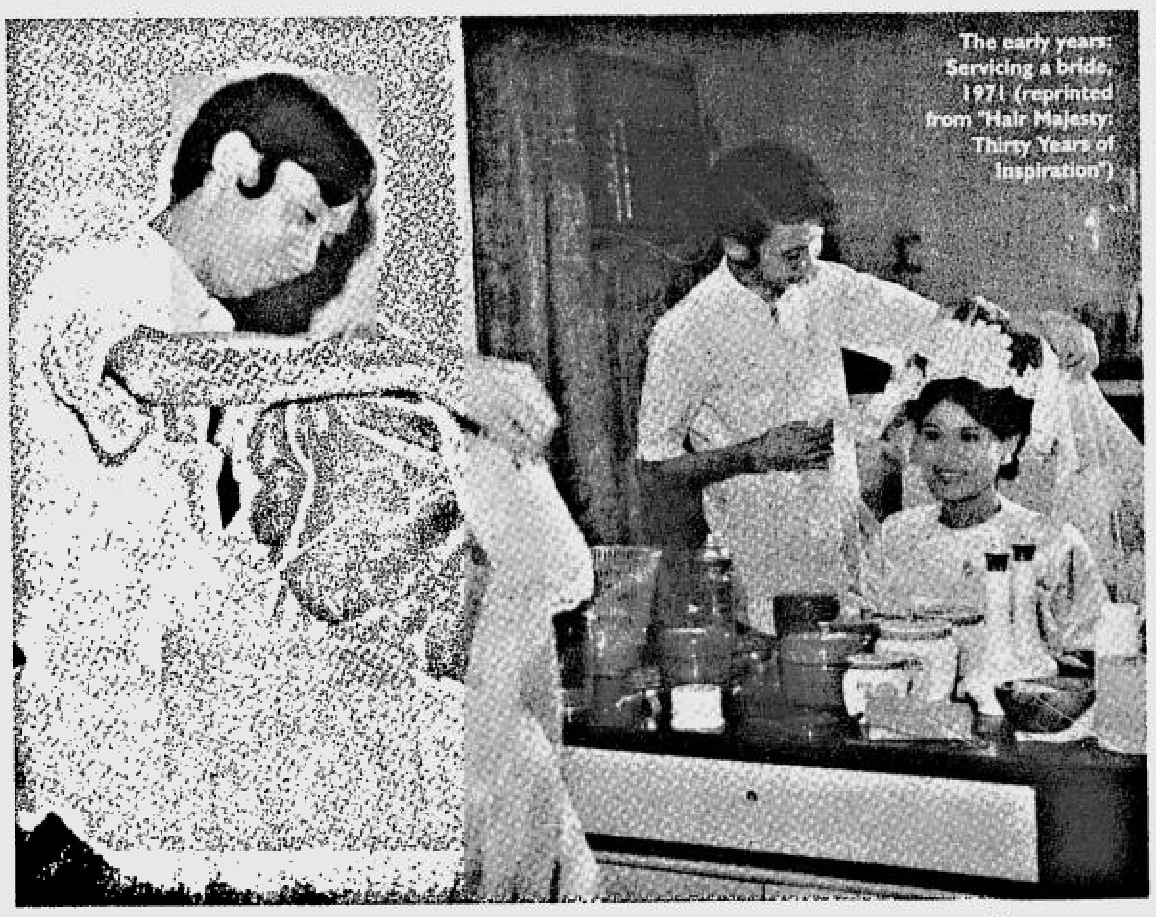

The early years: Servicing a bride, 1971 (reprinted from "Hair Majesty: Thirty Years of Inspiration")

Survivors' Tales

By Gina Abuyuan-Llanes
Photographs by August dela Cruz

Her Oil Over Troubled Waters

SELINA Aurora Sayong may be one of the most energetic and optimistic people around. "Let's see—what am I into?" she muses as she launches into a litany of her current activities. "I have a full-time business, I'm into network marketing, I have an advertising and marketing consultancy, and now I'm marketing natural and coconut-based products, like coconut wine and coconut oil. I will also be getting into wellness products, seminars and programs, so I'm planning to get an office and a showroom, and export the oil and the wine to the US..."

Selina Sayong credits virgin coconut oil for her having survived renal failure. But more than the oil, it's her boundless optimism and zest for life that should rate as a cure-all

Coconut oil as wellspring of wellness?

RareEarth
Extra-Virgin
FRESH COCONUT OIL
RareEarth
Coco-Green Tea
Massage and Therapeutic Oil
RareEarth
Coco-Lavender

Sayong is also into e-commerce, being a member of Cyberlink Worldwide, through which she plans to sell coconut-based items. Soon, she'll be putting up a Kidney Wellness Center and Foundation, complete with a clinic, meditation grounds, a cooperative, café, and business center. It doesn't stop there. "I want to give motivational and wellness seminars, seminars to teach people how to make products like coco cheese and coco yogurt. I want to be a one-stop shop where people can bring me all-natural coconut products and I'll source the market for them."

The woman speaks with spunk and confidence, belying the fact that at this very moment—"even as I speak to you," she tells this writer—she is in pain. "As I stand up, I feel pain. There is not a day when I am not in pain."

To say that Sayong suffers from renal failure would be doing her optimism an injustice. Rather, she is a survivor of renal failure: a living, walking testament of the hardiness of the human spirit and a faith born out of tragedy. It will take more than nine operations and twice-a-week chemodialysis to get Sayong down.

"It took me five minutes to accept it," she says. "Did I question God? No. Did I question why this has happened to me? No. The one thing I did was accept it and see the beauty of it." That she was into counseling helped her cope much better.

Good thing, too, because anyone as

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The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote

Of Idols and Heroes

Excerpts from the book 'Idol'

Candidates like to package themselves as heroes, but they are false idols who build the coming election on lies, legends and romantic visuals about loving and shepherding the poor

Idols and heroes are two different creatures.

Idols are created by image-builders. Image-building is an invention of political and commercial propaganda. It is used even by movie producers who make heroes out of hoodlums and prostitutes to make money. In the movies, you're considered a hero if you are rich, powerful, popular and bad. You're a "hero" if you do away with God, morality and all the rules. You are a "hero" if you have no heroes but yourself, can do absolutely whatever you want, and get away with it just because you're very popular, powerful, rich and bad. These are the heroes our culture seems to be creating today. We are becoming a nation of phony heroes, idols that we worship like heroes until we become like the idols we adore, and our culture becomes a culture of death and decay.

What we need are true heroes, not mere idols. But most of the true heroes we know, it seems, are dead. What we need are living heroes who live what our dead heroes believed. Dead heroes remain dead if their heroism is not lived out again by the living.

True heroes are those who live and die, and live again in the people who believe in them. Heroes who lived and died but remain dead are not heroes but fossils.

Someone, somewhere must rise again, stand up and prove that his hero is alive by living anew his life, and dying again for it.

The Heroes and Saints through the ages are true heroes only to the extent that we, the living, are willing to become heroes like them. Even Christ has no need for mere theologians, preachers and image-builders. He needs witnesses, believers, who live His Word.

This little book, a collection of my reflections in my column, The Word, for THE SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE, (1999-2002), salutes a parade of some of my personal heroes who have continued to touch my life. Most of them are living heroes—with a face and name: Emmanuel Soriano, Tsuyoshi Amemiya, the people of Tipas, Puroy, the Church of the Poor, and our Reverend Fathers. The rest are already dead, but not fossilized. They are among my soul-partners, primary Saints of the Church, who have accompanied and animated my life and work through the years.

To all of them, I say, "Hail!"

Epilogue: Idols on the Campaign Trail

All the candidates running for political office are competing for our votes. "Please allow us to be your public servants and shepherds," they beg almost on their knees, "so we can lead you, once and for all, to a culture of moral ascendancy and a governance based on justice, compassion and peace, and we promise never to allow the mistakes of the recent past happen again."

The speakers are either politicians or showbiz people who, it seems to me, are kindred spirits. They thrive on the threefold paradigm of Pera(money), Power and Popularity (PPP) as their bread of life. That is why during election time, we have a fiesta led by entertainers and politicians who shower the people with all that money can buy. They turn stones into bread for us (Lk. 4:2) and afterwards give us a circus (Mt. 4:5 -7). They will do a stupid jig on stage, eat fire or jump from the pinnacle of the temple in exchange for our loyalty and, of course, votes. The material girls and boys among us who are easily impressed with anything that money can buy. The mercenary poor who allow themselves to be bought with material things are the potential followers of these entertainers-turned-politicians and politicians-turned-showbiz denizens.

Pera and Popularity can make one powerful like Asiong Salonga the Legend. And when Pera, Power, and Popularity lock arms and lock-in a man or woman as in a prison, that rich, famous and powerful person is tempted to bully his (her) followers into believing that he (she) owns the world (Mk. 4:8-10). Both followers and their leaders who are obsessed with the zombie of power would inevitably end up as the oppressed or the oppressor. Advocates of the power-paradigm are great compromisers with the power-holders of the world. Read the gospel about the Temptations of Jesus in the wilderness (Mt. 4, Mc. 1 and Lk. 4) and never again repeat the mistakes of our tragicomic past.

A word of two to our future shepherds now on the campaign trail: To package yourself as a "shepherd of the people" is a romantic ambition that might even get you lined up with the likes of Mother Teresa, Charles de Focauld and Asiong Salonga. Having your photo taken caressing an unwashed street urchin and eating with your bare hands among beggars under a bridge or farmers in the countryside can be a perfect way to embellish your pro-poor image and your campaign poster during election time—if you are running on the mythologized theme of "option for the poor."

These were precisely the images we saw on streamers and posters during the 1998 presidential elections which put Estrada on a pedestal as the legendary Asiong Salonga, hero of the poor. And the poor blindly believed the lie that this man Erap, the rich, famous and powerful son of San Juan is actually Asiong Salonga of Tondo himself. And so, when People Power II started to shoot down their false idol from his pedestal, the poor man (and woman) who worshipped the false idol are bound to go down with their Legend.

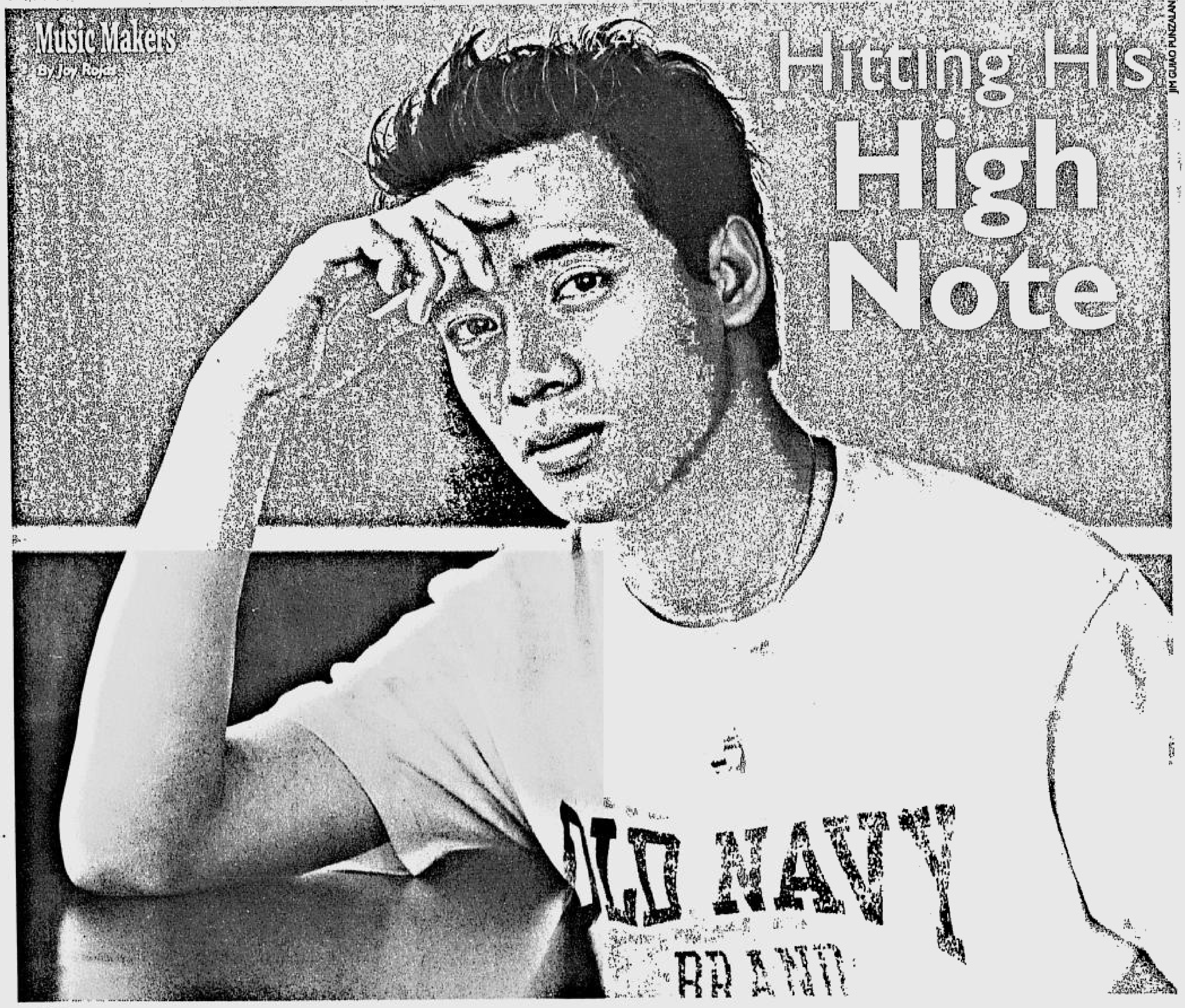
Election 2004, I hope, is not a repeat of Election 1998, an election built on lies, legends and romantic visuals about loving the poor, shepherding them, kissing their babies and being on the side of the powerless and marginalized, only to end up with the winner aspiring instead to become rich, powerful and popular. Indeed, you might even end up becoming Lord Executioner of the poor including their babies, the masses and the hungry crowd charmed by the pera-power-and-popularity gimmick of your idols on the campaign trail. Careful!

My book, "Idol," might still be available at Claretian Publications (tel. no. 921-3984), Pauline Bookstore (740-3102), Center For Migrant Youth (0917-8912959, ask for Joe Ladip).

Music Makers

By Joy Rojas

Hitting His High Note



JIM GUIMO PUNZALAN

All he wanted was the consolation prize. Instead, "Star In A Million" winner Erik Santos got more than what he bargained for: a hefty paycheck, a house and lot, and a controversial victory over a sure bet

These days, Erik Santos can't ride a tricycle, jeepney, FX or the LRT without strangers pinching him hard on the arms and cheeks and squealing *"Ang* cute *mo pala sa personal!"* Of the people he admires, he's already met Sharon Cuneta and Gary Valenciano, and will soon be within breathing space of Regine Velasquez and Ogie Alcasid. "Just one more," he cheers, referring to his long-time idol Martin Nievera, who is presently working in the States. A *"Maalaala Mo Kaya"* episode on his life story in currently in the drawing board. And during a recent school exam, the only thing on his mind was stars. "That's true! I wasn't able to study!" admits the 22-year-old Nursing student from Emilio Aguinaldo College.

Give him a break. As the Grand Finals winner of ABS-CBN's recently concluded "Star In A Million" singing contest, life hasn't been the same for the boyish middle child in a brood of three. Besides bagging P1 million and a house and lot in Binangonan, Rizal, he's scored an album deal with Star Records and a hosting stint on "ASAP Mania." Once focused on his studies, he's now squeezing in schedules for photo shoots, interviews and guestings on TV and out of town. He's been advised to practice signing his autograph, but clearly, his newfound celebrity status hasn't quite sunk in. On his first meeting in "ASAP," Santos found himself in a room full of stars. *"Ate,"* he nudged a staffer in disbelief, "I'm an *artista* already?"

Victory may be sweet, but it also comes with a price. There was talk that Santos is related to ABS-CBN top brass Enrico Santos (who was one of the Grand Finals' panel of judges) and Charo Santos-Concio. The bigger controversy, though, is Santos' win over Sheryn Regis. A pretty and petite Cebuana with lung-busting vocals, Regis seemed a sure bet against other "Star In A Million" contenders. She scored consistently high in the show each week (whereas Santos was eliminated in a monthly finals, but returned when he won a wildcard competition for "Star In A Million"'s primetime spin-off). Come the grand finals last January 3, it was Regis who garnered the most Texters' Choice votes.

This is the moment: Santos (center) reacts when he was announced winner. Sherwyn Regis and Zsa Zsa Padilla (right) flank him

Yet while Santos himself was convinced that Regis had it in the bag ("It's you," he whispered to her moments before host Edu Manzano announced the unexpected verdict), he certainly didn't leave without a fight. Armed with his lucky charms (his rosary and a necklace with a cross which he kept in his pocket), he chose the Broadway tune "This Is The Moment" for its dramatic build-up and because it seemed appropriate for the occasion, and sang it "like it was the greatest performance of my life. You know, I'm really pessimistic by nature," says Santos. "You can even ask the other finalists. I'm the one who's always saying, 'Guys, I think I'm going to be eliminated today.' Eventually, I realized that my pessimism was giving me the strength to deliver a better performance. Somebody told me that my pessimism is a defense mechanism: The more I tell people I'm going to lose, the more I do my best. And that, I think, was what happened."

In any case, Regis (who as first runner-up earned P20,000 plus P10,000 for winning Texters' Choice) made no effort to hide her disappointment. She refused to speak to him after the finals, and was quoted as saying that apart from his talents, his looks may have played a part in his win. Santos, who befriended Regis, second runner-up Marinel Santos, and other finalists in the course of the competition, has tried to reach out. "Of course it's hard for her because the incident is still fresh. But I hope we can still be friends after this," he says. "For me, all three of us are good—but one of us has to win. Sheryn and Marinel are my friends but I need this, too. That's why you join contests, because you aim to win."

For all the confidence and sophistication he exudes on air, Santos is actually a shy guy who once swore off singing contests, no thanks to an embarrassing experience 12 years ago. In the middle of performing in a barangay singing contest, the 10-year-old Santos suddenly suffered mental block and forgot the lyrics of his song. "I said, *'Ay!'* and the audience started booing," he recalls sheepishly. "I was so discouraged." Years later, when the family found itself strapped for cash after a bad investment, Santos reluctantly agreed to sign up for "Star In A Million," then an "ASAP Mania" segment inspired by the US reality series "American Idol." "I didn't want TV," he insists. "But my *Ate* said I had nothing to lose. Win or lose, you still get a consolation prize."

In the end, Santos got more than what he had bargained for—even with a percentage cut. Although he has yet to receive his hefty paycheck, it's been rumored that he won't get the cool million-peso cash prize in its entirety. "Star In A 700,000," he quips. Or "Star In A Million, Gross." Of late, he doesn't know how he's going to spend it; he was supposed to buy a car, but his dad, an engineer in Jeddah and a former singer and trumpet player in a band, has offered to spring for one for his son. There are no concrete plans either for the Binangonan house and lot, as the Santoses are content to living in their current Malabon residence. "Maybe when it rains hard and floods, we'll ride a boat and move there," jokes Erik. Amazingly, money has done little to affect this unassuming guy. "I still clean our bathroom," he says brightly. "That's my favorite household chore."

If anything has changed, it's that Santos has slowly become aware of the impact of his performances on people. Of the millions glued to "Star In A Million," one viewer, a cancer patient, was so moved by the singer, he managed to track Santos down through painstaking phone calls to the giant network. "When we finally got to talk, he was crying because I had given him so much joy through my singing. That's when I realized that I'm not just here as an entertainer," he reflects. "I believe God also made me an instrument to inspire people and make them happy. That's a feeling money can't buy."

For A Cause

By Eric S. Caruncho

BETOY JOHNSON

Reviving the *Rondalla*

RONDALLA.

I dare you to read further without falling asleep. Or turning the page. Or reflexively reaching for the remote, even if this is a newspaper.

You still here?

Congratulations on your longer-than-average attention span. Can't say I blame you. Fact is, except for a few die-hard enthusiasts (who really should get out more often), the rondalla is about as exciting as a bowl of oatmeal.

What's that?

What do you mean "What's a *rondalla?*" Sit your ignorant ass down and listen. When you think of "Filipino" music, more often than not two forms spring to mind. The first is the popular ballad known as *kundiman*, and the second is the largely instrumental music played by an ensemble of plucked string instruments, i.e. the *rondalla.*

Both forms, unfortunately, are associated with the kind of Amorsoloesque, *sa-libis-ng-nayon,* romantic pastoral idea of Filipiniana that has nothing to do with the actual country we live in, and for all we know never really existed except in the minds of our greatest artists and composers, and in old LVN and Sampaguita pictures.

When we want to get down and get funky, we don't do the *tinikling*. When we want to kick out the jams, we don't put on *rondalla* music. Such is the gulf between popular taste, and "culture."

The last couple of decades have seen the *rondalla* on life support, with only a handful of conservators refusing to pull the plug. But there may be life in the old boy yet. A much-needed shot of adrenaline to the heart comes in the form of the 1st International Rondalla Festival, also known as *Cuerdas nin Kagabsan* or Strings of Unity, which kicks off in Naga City on February 8.

Contrary to the notion that the *rondalla* is a purely Filipino form, there will be groups coming from Spain, Mexico, Israel and Russia, as well as 12 of the top rondallas from all over the country. The Russians are actually playing *balalaikas*, the Israeli ensemble includes a harpsichord, and the Mexicans sing a lot. And some of the repertoire border on the avant-garde. But short of handing out *bandurias* and *octavinas* to the Viva Hot Babes, an international festival might be the best way to get some attention for this long-neglected art form.

Among the participants is the Celso Espejo Rondalla of Las Piñas, whose musical director has been one of pillars of Philippine *rondalla* for the last four decades.

Celso Espejo, a pillar among members of this undervalued Filipino ensemble and the music they make, has refused to give up on the rondalla. An upcoming international festival in the Bicol region gives him and other aficionados reason to hope

At 67, Espejo's passion for the *rondalla* remains undiminished. A retired public school teacher, he has been teaching *rondalla* for the last 39 years, and there is still much of the schoolmaster in him.

"Strictly speaking, the Philippine *rondalla* is a group of musicians playing plectrum instruments, such as the *banduria*, the *octavina*, the *laud*, the guitar and bass," he clarifies. "What they used to call the *estudiantina* and the *cumparza* (Spanish-era forerunners of the *rondalla*) included violins and some percussion instruments."

Although the *rondalla* is Spanish in origin, the 14-stringed *banduria*, piccolo (small *banduria*), *octavina* and *laud* are purely Filipino inventions.

As a child growing up in San Jose, Batangas, Espejo was exposed early to the music. His grandfather, a relatively well-to-do enthusiast, sponsored the local *cumparza*, and his father and uncle were both performers.

"I didn't have any formal training," he recalls. "I learned by watching, and when I was about Grade 5, I became a member."

Espejo reckons that the word "*rondalla*" eventually superseded the *cumparza* fairly recently.

"'*Hamon sa Kampeon*' was a popular radio and later television show in the late '50s and early '60s, hosted by Dely Magpayo and Pepe Pimentel, and they had *rondalla* competitions," he recalls. "This was the height of the *rondalla*'s popularity. Public schools and even private schools and churches put up *rondallas*. During the '60s, the Manila Times also sponsored a popular *rondalla* competition, which helped encourage its growth. Gradually, the *cumparza* faded away."

The instrumentation also became standardized. Previously, the *cumparzas* included banjos and banjo-like instruments, but these were difficult to keep in tune because the skin resonators reacted to humidity changes. Eventually, they were superseded by all-wood instruments.

After graduating with a degree in Education from the Lyceum, Espejo began his teaching career. Although English was his major, his skills eventually led him to teach *rondalla*.

"I only had basic education in music, but I had the rare privilege of associating with great musicians such as Felipe de Leon, Alfredo Buenaventura, Cayetano Rodriguez. They have influenced me greatly."

These composers and other artists such as Antonio Molina wrote scores and arrangements for *rondalla*, but it was only recently that conservatories such as the UP College of Music began to include it in their curriculum.

Although he remains passionate about the rondalla, Espejo is also realistic about its current neglected status. After all, he has seen its popularity go up and down many times over the years. In the 1980s, following one of its periodic slumps, Espejo founded and led the *Pambansang Samahan ng Rondalla* (Pasaron), consisting largely of *rondallas* from the Southern Tagalog region, which organized festivals and competitions for eight straight years. Unfortunately, the group is now defunct.

One reason for its current decline, he admits, is the fact that there are few really good *rondallas* today. Most people can be forgiven for thinking of the *rondalla* as stodgy, because all they have heard are amateur groups who lack the necessary instrumental skills to do justice to a well-written score.

Espejo is out to change all that. Apart from the Celso Espejo Rondalla, he is also the musical director for the Villa Escudero Rondalla, one of the few groups which have recorded. He is also in demand as a resource person for workshops and short courses on the *rondalla*, and hopes to write a basic manual for *rondallas*.

Some of the younger *rondalla* directors have reportedly commissioned arrangements of such popular hits as "Spageti Song," but Espejo sticks to the standards. Audiences to the 1st International Rondalla Festival can expect sterling performances of such light classics as Von Suppe's "Poet and Peasant Overture" and Strauss's "Pizzicato Polka," as well as several pieces by arranger and composer Dominic Salustiano, whose story of untapped potential might as well be the story of the *rondalla*.

"I believe he was one of the best composers in the country," says Espejo. "He is the only arranger for *rondalla* I know who never wrote anything mediocre. Unfortunately, he himself did not know his own potential. In the end he was confined to arranging for television shows."

Now largely forgotten, Salustiano will briefly come to life again in Bicol, thanks to Celso Espejo's undying dedication to the *rondalla*.

A joint project of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and the Developmental Institute for Bicolano Artists Foundation, the 1st International Rondalla Festival will be held from February 8 to 14 in Naga and Legazpi cities. For more information call 920-5301 local 4376.

This Week

Art

CCP Thirteen Artists Awardee Claro Ramirez presents **Hang-Up** at West Gallery Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati until Feb. 3. For details, call 752-7028.

Remix, large-scale works and three-dimensional cut-outs of animé—derived images and non-figurative styles by Pablo Biglang-awa Jr. at the Mag:net Gallery Makati, G/F, Paseo Center, Paseo de Roxas Avenue cor. Sedeño Streets until Feb. 6. For details, call 817-7895.

Rock Drilon is holding an exhibit of new paintings until Feb. 9 at Duemila Gallery, The Artwalk, 4/F, SM Megamall A.

Labeling Madness, a solo exhibit of collages by Gemo M. Tapales at Finale Art Gallery, 4/F, SM Megamall A from Feb. 3 to 15.

A scene from the IPAG play "Ming Ming" to be staged at MSU Iligan City

Music

The Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra celebrates National Arts Month with an all-Filipino music program titled **Viva Filipina** on February 6, 8 p.m. at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo. The concert features pianist Virginia Laico-Villanueva as soloist. The PPO will play Filipino music classics "Symphonic Variations" by Angel Peña, "Symphony No. 4" by Antonino Buenaventura, "Piano Concerto" by Nicanor Abelardo and "Philippine Portraits" by Redentor Romero. For tickets, call 551-7930 or 832-3878.

Celebrate Valentine's love fever with Close Up's **Lovapalooza.** The musical extravaganza happens on Feb. 13, 8 p.m. at the Bay Walk in Roxas Boulevard. The Baywalk from Pedro Gil to Quirino Avenue will have three stages, each with a distinct kind of entertainment. The main stage has ballads and band numbers. It's swinging to the groove and chilling out at the Dance area while more soothing voices at the Acoustic area. It's also fireworks and games galore in all the areas. Featured artists are Freestyle, Jay-R, Arnee, Paolo Santos, Sarah Geronimo, Kundirana, Malik, Silk, Wency Cornejo, Noel Cabangon, Cookie Chua, U-turn, Hour Glass Trio, Ateneo Bossa Nova and Dance Club and the 30-piece Manila Philharmonic Orchestra.

Onstage

PETA tackles human relationships and the future as it brings to the stage Liza Magtoto's Palanca Award-winning Filipino play **Agnoia** (a Greek term meaning "the state of unknowing") at the Dulaang Rajah Sulayman, Fort Santiago, Intramuros on Feb. 5 to 7, 11 to 14, 18 to 21, 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. Opening each performance is a dance suite "Love is a Sick Joke" choreographed by Jay Cruz. For tickets, call 410-0822 or 724-9637.

Gantimpala Theater Foundation stages **Gretholo-gy**, a rousing musical that presents the Grecian immortals, its heroes and damsels in distress, on Feb. 6 to 8, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the AFP Theater, Quezon City. For tickets, call 899-5745 or 896-3503.

Mediartrix, UST's foremost multimedia organization, will be staging an adaptation of the Walt Disney musical **Aida.** The play is an Egyptian love story of loyalty and following your heart's desire to be presented on Feb. 4 and 5 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Albertus Magnus Auditorium, Education Bldg., UST. For reservations and inquiries, call Margaret Omaging at 285-1315.

Listen to a man with unrelenting passion for the truth as Tanghalang Ateneo presents Henrik Ibsen's **An Enemy of the People.** In this modern morality tale, scientist Dr. Stockmann discovers contaminated waters that threaten citizens' health and a profitable resort in his native town. Citizens, fearful of the financial implications, place him under intense pressure to keep silent as he battles to stay firm by his discovery. To be staged at the Rizal Mini-Theater of Ateneo de Manila University on Feb. 5-8 and Feb. 12-15 at 7 p.m. with additional showings at 2 p.m. on Feb. 7 and 14. Text 0916-7017563 for inquiries and reservations.

Atbp

How do you safeguard your figurative heart? This question will be answered during the 2004 **special assembly day of Jehovah's Witnesses** which will kick off on Feb. 1 at their assembly hall along Quirino Highway in Novaliches, Quezon City. With the theme "Serving Jehovah with a Complete Heart," the whole day activity will highlight Bible-based lectures on how to guard our hearts in a troubled world. Presented by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of the Philippines Inc., the special assembly will also provide practical suggestion to parents on how to shield their children's hearts from wrong influences. Witnesses from Pasig and Mandaluyong will hold their assembly in Tagalog on Feb. 1 while the English session will be on March 21. Admission is free. For other schedules in various areas in the country, please contact the Watchtower at (02) 411-6090.

Dita Sandico-Ong will **lecture on the Philippines' indigenous traditional fabrics** (banana-linen, banana-rayon, abel-lloco, and a piña-lino) and the process of transforming them into wearable apparel. Sandico-Ong will also talk about efforts to sustain the industry on Feb. 4, 12 to 2 p.m. at the Executive Lounge, Rockwell Club. For reservations, call Fanny at 631-2417 or 449-2355.

X-manila

The UP Los Baños Thespian Circle presents Moliere's **The Miser** on Feb. 3, 4 and 5, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at DL Umali Hall, UPLB. Laguna. The play tells of Harpagon, an old man obsessed with money and how his fear of having to part with his money affected his relationship with his children and bride-to-be. For tickets, text 0920-5860650 (Karen) or 0919-6772112 (Jerry).

The St. Mary's School in Cagayan de Oro City will present Broadway's longest running play, **The Fantasticks**, on Feb. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15. The cast and crew of the play are from the high school department and some alumni members. This is the school's 11th staging of the play.

Integrated Performing Arts Guild stages **Ming Ming**, a play on Moro family feud, on Feb. 4 to 7, Feb. 9 to 14, March 2 to 6 at the Rooftop Theater of the College of Arts and Social Sciences, MSU-IIT, Iligan City. The play's theme is a sensitive rendering of the conflict among politically powerful Moro families—the need to cope with the changing conditions to survive, where tradition and religious fanaticism clash with the liberal ideas of the West.

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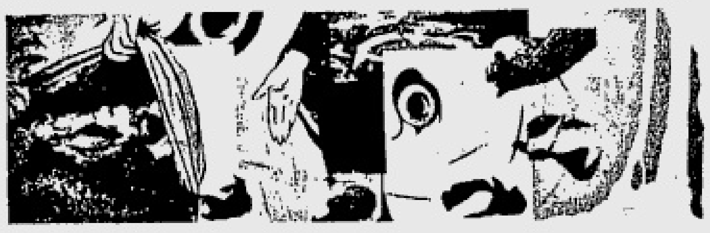
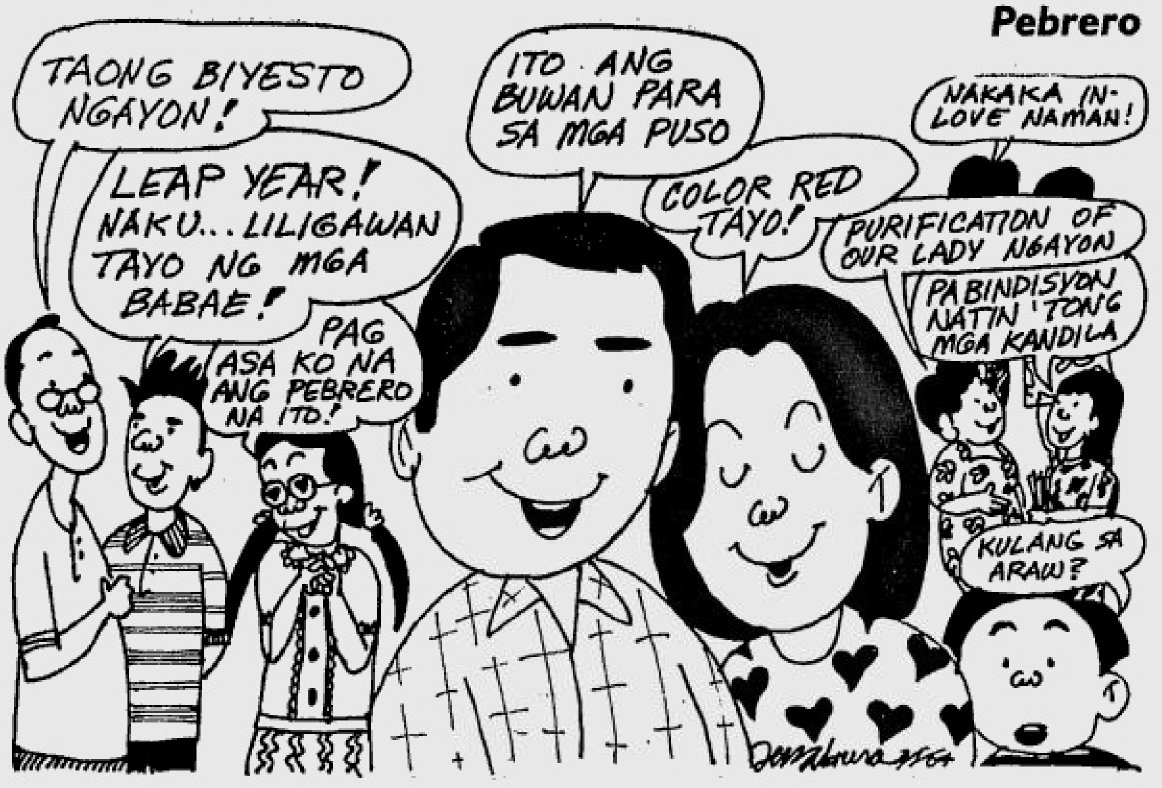
"Swirl" by Pablo Biglang-awa Jr., part of the exhibit "Remix" at the Mag:net Gallery Makati



Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera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Her Oil

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committed to work as Sayong might've just taken a gun to her head upon hearing the crushing news. At the time her kidneys gave out, "I was at the peak of my career," she says. She was into film and video production and theater, training at the UP Film Center and wrapping up a video ("Divided By Two," directed by Ishmael Bernal). She was also into talent management (Rochelle Ashana, Jean-Claude's leading lady in "Kickboxer I").

The work was stressful, so she kept late nights and often skipped meals. "I really abused my body," she says. And even if she didn't smoke nor drink, both her liver and kidneys failed in 1991. She underwent dialysis for two years and had a transplant in 1994, but her body rejected the kidney in 2000. Sayong says it was "divine intervention or faith" that directed her where she is today.

"I was working with a doctor who was with a company that produces this oil in Mindanao," she recounts, "and he kind of made me a guinea pig to test the benefits of virgin coconut oil."

She started noticing changes in as early as two weeks, starting from her having a regular bowel movement (since dialysis patients suffer from constipation), to an overall feeling of being cleansed and detoxified.

The extra virgin, cold-pressed and unadulterated coconut oil the doctor was testing on Sayong was made by Matling Corp., which has been around since 1928. Seeing how effective the oil was on her ailment, Sayong and another friend put up Rare Earth to resell the oil. The SAS Advertising and Marketing Services was then established to market Rare Earth.

Now Sayong is dedicating her second lease on life to the awareness of renal failure, the importance of a balanced approach towards its treatment with alternative and Western medicine and, she claims, the significant contribution extra virgin coconut oil and coconut by-products have had in her path to recovery.

But it's not so much the oil, but Sayong's innate strength and faith that amaze those who know her. "I've been through hell," she says, enumerating her many surgeries, "but the crucibles of life are needed at times for you to be able to cross that valley. How can you possibly realize what life is all about if you don't go through that? As each day passes, and as you go through the crucibles, you learn how to deal with it, and eventually, it becomes less painful."

She hopes that through her Kidney Wellness Center and Foundation, she'll be able to share her optimism and energy. "I'm a workaholic," she admits, "but now I'm a workaholic with a direction. I want to encourage patients, many of whom suffer from depression and lose hope. I have a vision of what I want to happen—I want to see patients, and people in general, empowered. There are a lot of walking zombies around.

"Have a lot of faith," she says, "that's very important. Don't forget your sense of humor, have fun, laugh, smile, be open to people—that's the secret to keeping strong, even when ill or in pain. That's the formula: you've got to have fun." Her eyes sparkle as she adds, "I'd like to ask people when they say they pity me, Why do you pity me? I have no regrets. I'm thankful for the life I've had, and excited about the life I'm going to have. Just think about the Center, the showroom, the seminars. Oh gee-we're going to have fun! We're going to have a ball."

To know more about the Kidney Foundation, go to www.cookieangel.com/ckpphil.html. For information about Rare Earth Virgin Coconut Oil and to inquire about Sayong's motivational talks, please contact 0918 5718371.

Soft

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gives you this, that puts you where you are."

Gender is not that big an issue for him, claims Reyes, who knew he was gay as early as boyhood, "when I would stare at my crush's T-shirt on the clothesline over the fence!" he laughs. "You have to work hard to succeed, whether you're male or female."

Still, he knows his place. Although he and his partner of 28 years, businessman Cris Aquino, are open about their relationship, they appear together in social functions only among people who have accepted them as a couple. "Some places it's okay to be together, some places it's not. I don't meddle in his business, and I don't attend his affairs in case I steal the thunder and people will just talk about it. Different people have different perspectives, and not everyone wants to associate with *badings*. There are still such places where you know you're not welcome, so why bother? Why be a willing victim? Everyone does have a choice, not just me. If you know a situation will aggravate things, don't go with it. I always believe in choices in life. Anything that happens to you is your own doing."

Mama's boy: Today Reyes takes good care of his mother Ada, whom he kisses and says "I love you" to frequently

The two met when Reyes was still performing in a drag revue for the now-defunct nightclub Taxco; Aquino was a back-up dancer on the same stage. "In the beginning, we had difficulty getting together because of things like family acceptance; I had to prove that I was worth it. Even now, after 28 years, *may* obstacles *pa*. You just deal with it as it comes and don't be bitter."

Their relationship is like any marriage, Reyes claims: "You really have to work it out. Like a business, you have to take care of it, and make sure nobody steals it. You have to keep it, and love it, or other people will want it." He's gotten over his *"selosa"* (jealous) phase, because "there's no relationship that will not go through a test anyway. If it's a test, and you know it, don't lose sleep over it."

If Ricky Reyes has any philosophy in life, in fact, it's not to waste time on bad feelings. And maybe that's what keeps his good luck coming. "The best principle in life is not to get mad. If you can let it go, let it go. Otherwise, before you know it, *pangit ka na!*" (You've turned ugly!)

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Dinagyang 2004
ILOILO...It's happening!

Iloilo is known for the innate warmth of the people who live there, as well as for the malambing nature of the Ilonggos. It isn't a surprise then that when the Ilonggos hold a festival, they really know how to party. Such was the case in the recently concluded Dinagyang Festival celebrated right in the heart of Western Visuyas, "the City of Love", Iloilo City itself! Viva! SMART Buddy made its presence felt throughout the festivities by sponsoring events that brought a parade of color to this provincial haven.

Kasadyahan and Dinagyang

The Kasadyahan celebration at the Freedom Grandstand featured ten groups from various schools showcasing Ilonggo culture through a mix of music and dance. For the Dinagyang Festival proper held last January 25, 24 tribes dressed in ati-atihan-inspired gear to this year's theme of "Devotion in Motion", a clear reference to the Ilonggo devotion to the Sto. Nino that highlights every Dinagyang fiesta. The SMART Buddy Shockwave made its way to Iloilo by way of offering SMART Buddy throughout the parade route leading to the Freedom Grandstand. Robinson's Place was another prominent SMART Buddy Shockwave spot from January 21-25.

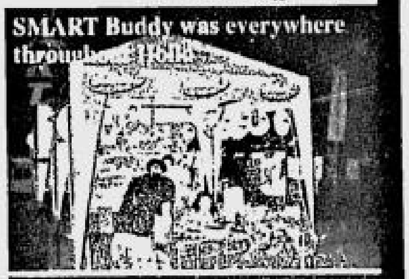
Freebies throughout Iloilo

SMART Buddy also helped bring popular rockers Slapshock to The Barracks for a concert that had the crowd screaming like crazy. Free henna tattoos and free drinks awaited the first 50 SMART Buddy subscribers who showed off their SMART celfones at The Barracks from January 22 to 25. Bacolod Chicken House had free appetizers waiting for the first 50 SMART Buddy subscribers who appeared on their doorstep. The first 50 SMART Buddy subscribers who arrived at 012 got free drinks and free entrance and enjoyed the pulsing drum rhythms that emanated from the event.

Even after the Dinagyang beats and the cheers of "Viva Sto. Nino!" have died down, Iloilo continues to be a happening spot in the Visayas. SMART Buddy keeps the celebrations going whether it be in Iloilo, Cebu, Manila, or wherever the celebration may be. Let SMART be your official fiesta partner through 2004 and beyond! Unbelievable as it may seem, the Dinagyang Festival was even more amazing this year... thanks to Viva! SMART Buddy!

Black was the dominant color...

but there were other colors as well.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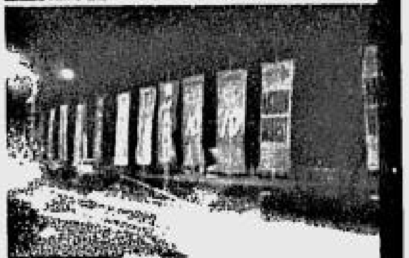

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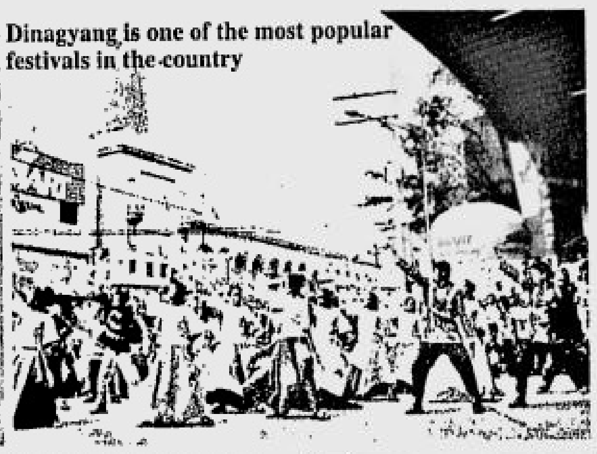

Saturday's Kasadyahan celebration showcased Ilonggo culture

The crowd at the Freedom Grandstand were wildly entertained during the Dinagyang weekend

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